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Clinton calls for 'strong' UN action on Iraq

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US President Bill Clinton, in an interview broadcast yesterday, called on the UN to take "very strong and unambiguous action" to force Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to comply with UN weapons inspections.

In an interview with NBC's Meet the Press, taped on Saturday after Clinton met his top foreign policy advisers, he also said any attempt by Iraq to attack US spy planes would not be tolerated.

The U-2 planes are scheduled to resume flights over Iraq today.

"I expect the United Nations to take very strong and unambiguous action to make it perfectly clear he has to comply," Clinton said, referring to Saddam. "If he doesn't, then the world community will have to take some action."

The Sunday Times reported, meanwhile, that Saddam's latest weapon is an apparently innocuous single-engine crop duster converted into a remote-controlled drone, capable of discharging enough anthrax bacteria to kill thousands of people.

Saddam yesterday his country had to choose between "a life with dignity" or "confrontation" in its row with the UN over arms inspections.

"Iraq has been put in a situation in which it has to choose between a life with dignity and honor, or confrontation of all possibilities," Saddam said in remarks carried by the official Iraqi News Agency, INA. "Our decision is defensive and not an attack on America. We have either to sacrifice or become slaves."

Asked if a military strike against Iraq is necessary, Clinton said, "I don't want to rule anything in or out. I think... it's very important that the president maintain all options and signal none. And that's where I want to be. But I think that Saddam Hussein needs to understand that this is a serious business and this is not just the president of the United States."

An attack by Iraq on the spy planes, Clinton said, "would be a big mistake. We will not tolerate [Saddam's] efforts to murder our pilots acting on behalf of the UN."

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, calling Saddam "a congenital liar," said it was important that he know that the consternation caused by his actions was international in nature and not solely a US reaction.

Nevertheless, the US will act alone, if necessary, she said.

Senate Majority leader Trent Lott said Congress will support strong military action, even if the US acts without the backing of the UN.

If Clinton were to order military action, "I think Congress would support him in a very bipartisan way," he said on Fox News yesterday.

Iraq may be seeking to provoke a US attack, or divide the international coalition backing the UN sanctions, Clinton said. He called on Arab nations, and UN Security Council members Russia and France, to support the UN and present a united front to Saddam.

Last Tuesday, the UN suspended U-2 flights while a diplomatic delegation, which left Baghdad on Friday without achieving a breakthrough, was in the country. The UN Security Council is to meet today to discuss the visit by Secretary-General Kofi Annan's special mission.



Greek Orthodox Patriarch Diodoros I (center), assisted by Metropolitan Timothy (right) and a Greek Orthodox priest, makes the sign of the cross on Mary's Rock yesterday. (AP)

Rock on which Virgin Mary rested found near Bethlehem

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

A rock on which the Virgin Mary is believed to have rested while on her way to give birth to Jesus has been uncovered by archeologists just off the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

Termed by archeologists one of the major Christian sites ever excavated in the country, the site is expected to become a prime attraction for Christian pilgrims. It is certain to figure prominently in the 2000 festivities, when masses of Christian visitors are anticipated from around the world.

The rock, measuring about two by four meters, was the centerpiece of an enormous octagonal Byzantine church constructed in the fifth century. The church and adjacent monastery were destroyed in unknown circumstances in the eighth century, after the Arab conquest.

Their remains were subsequently covered over and the precise location forgotten. Scholars knew, however, from ancient

documents of the church's existence and of the holy rock known as *kathisma* - the seat, in Greek.

The rock is not mentioned in the New Testament, but it is known from Christian documents dating from as early as the fourth century. Mary and her husband, Joseph, were traveling from Nazareth to Bethlehem, Joseph's birthplace, to participate in a census. Tradition holds that the pregnant Mary rested on the large flat rock just off the ancient Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

Plans to widen the present road led archeologists to carry out an emergency dig and discover the stone and the surrounding church remains, including mosaic floors. The road widening plans were duly altered.

At a press conference at the site yesterday, Antiquities Authority archeologists Rina Avner and Yuval Baruch, who uncovered the site, noted that the rock was slightly higher than

the floor of the church around it and that it was exactly at the center of the structure, which measured 43 by 52 meters. It was one of the earliest and largest churches dedicated to Mary.

Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem Diodoros I, who visited the site yesterday, congratulated the authority on the discovery and said that his church would offer the authority full cooperation in making it accessible to visitors. "This great discovery has historical, religious, and ethnic significance," he said.

The rock lies at the edge of an olive grove, on land owned by the Greek Patriarchate, several hundred meters south of Mar Elias. The site was initially discovered in 1992, when a small emergency dig was carried out in connection with the road-widening plans. Its full dimensions were not exposed, however, until a contractor at the nearby Har Homa development site illegally laid a water pipe through the area a few months ago.

Bezeq gave false price data

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

After a four-month investigation, the Antitrust Authority yesterday formally accused Bezeq International's senior executives of employing unfair business practices designed to give the company an advantage as the market geared up for competition in overseas phone calls.

Antitrust Authority director-general David Tadmor gave his findings to Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, who must decide whether or not to prosecute the involved parties.

Bezeq International said it will appeal the decision. In its statement, the authority said that from the end of 1996 until the international call market opened to competition in July, Bezeq International's CEO and the board of directors implemented "foggy" and

"confusing" pricing policies.

According to documents the authority seized, the company's directives explicitly recommended "applying confusing tariff policies."

The company's senior executives told the board of directors, "We'll confuse the public and cause them to think that Bezeq International is already cheap," the authority said.

After conducting the investigation, Tadmor said the company used "vague policies" to "exploit the consumer."

In May 1995, the Antitrust Authority declared Bezeq International a monopoly. The Communications Ministry then decided to open the international telephone call market to competition. In July, Golden Lines and Barak entered the market.

In attempt to defuse Left-Right tension:

PM praises Labor at Likud caucus

By HERB KENON

What is expected to be an exceptionally contentious Likud convention opened in Jerusalem last night amid a burst of harmony and good feeling, with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu musing all his oratorical skills to acknowledge the Labor movement for its historic achievements and to call for national unity.

Netanyahu danced around the primaries issue that has caused a rift between the party's central committee members and its leadership, and instead used his 45-minute speech to showcase what he said were the achievements of his government. He mentioned the primaries only once, and that with a dismissive: "We can't get over that? Of course we can."

Netanyahu opened his speech at Jerusalem's International Convention Center by recalling the

assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, and asked for a moment of silence. A few people clapped at the request, and cries of "quiet" and "shhhh" punctuated its first few seconds. Soon afterward Netanyahu called

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for unity. "From this podium I call on the leaders of the opposition to calm things down, to work to unify the nation," he said to sustained applause. "The time has come to stop blaming one another; the time has come to stop it. I want to remind everyone, from this forum, that the Labor movement and the other movements of the Left have had many achievements in building the state and enhancing its security.

Yes, we have disagreements on how to reach the goal, but the goal is the same for all of us: peace, security, and prosperity for this nation.

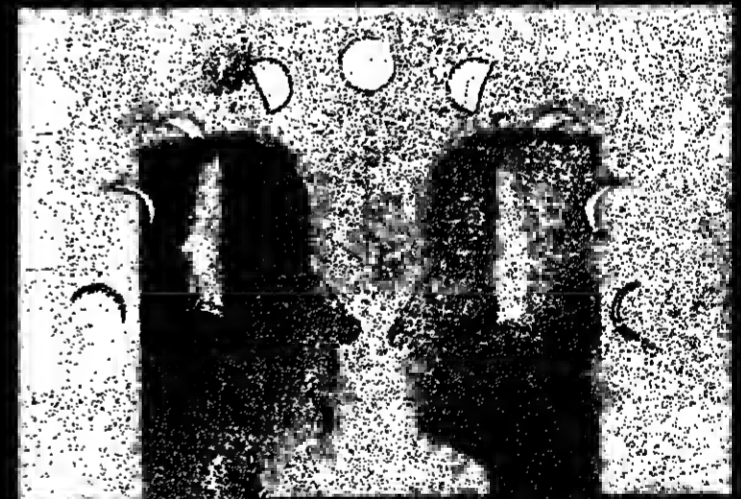
"During these days we need to extend hands to one another," Netanyahu continued. "And someone apparently has to extend his hand first, so I am doing it here tonight. I am extending a hand of peace and conciliation to all parts of this nation."

With these words the hall burst into wild applause and chants of "Bibi, Bibi, Bibi."

Having said that, Netanyahu enumerated why the Likud won the election 17 months ago. "We promised then that we would halt the withdrawal to the 1967 lines, and we did that. We promised that we would stop the division of Jerusalem, and we did that."

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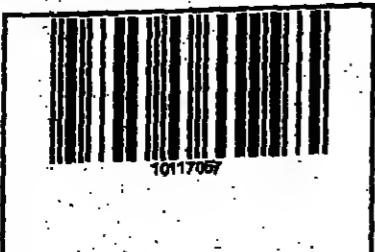
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NEWS

in brief

Sharon discusses joint projects in Jordan
Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon received a royal welcome to Jordan yesterday that included a three-hour session with Crown Prince Hassan in which the central topic was the tightening of cooperation and advancement of joint projects in a wide range of economically-linked areas.

The discussion, which a spokesman for Sharon described as cordial and constructive, was attended by Jordanian Foreign Minister Faiz Tarawna and other cabinet members. The joint projects include trade, tourism, water, electricity, energy, and development of the Rift Valley. *Jay Bushinsky*

Hizbullah gunmen killed by IDF
Hizbullah announced in Beirut that nine of its guerrillas was killed yesterday in a clash with IDF troops in the security zone. A Hizbullah spokesman said the man was killed in the Iqim al-Tanfah area, just north of the zone.

The casualty raised to 54 the number of Lebanese guerrillas killed in south Lebanon since the start of the year. This year's fighting has also killed 39 Israeli soldiers. On Saturday, Hizbullah said another one of its guerrillas was killed in an attack on IDF troops on Friday. *Reuters*

PA police find Ovadia Yosef's stolen car
The car of Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, which had been stolen Saturday night from in front of his Jerusalem home, was found yesterday by Palestinian policemen in Beit Onar, near Hebron. The car, a Mercedes said to be worth NIS 250,000, has a device installed that broadcasts its location. Palestinian security sources said Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat had given a direct order to the Palestinian Police to retrieve the car.

Thieves also broke into Yosef's home and stole various items. *Mohammed Najib and Itim*

Man strips at Western Wall
An apparently mentally disturbed man yesterday stripped off all his clothes at the Western Wall. The man, an unidentified English speaker about 40, was stopped and searched by guards at the entrance to the Wall Plaza because they felt there was something strange about his movements.

He was then allowed to continue. After he stripped, police rushed him to the nearby rest rooms, where they dressed him. In his shirt pocket, they found a piece of paper with the phone number of a mental hospital, and are checking to see if he is a former patient. *Itim*

Thousands to mark Rachel's 'yahrzeit'
Thousands are expected to mark the *yahrzeit* of the Matriarch Rachel at the newly refurbished Rachel's Tomb this afternoon. In addition an organized campaign via the Internet will offer thousands of women throughout the world the opportunity to recite psalms at the same time prayers are conducted at the site. David Landau, a member of the Rachel Tomb Committee and the organizer of daily study groups at the site, said the work, financed by the ministries of Religious Affairs and Defense, cost NIS 6 million and took 18 months to complete. *Margot Dudkevitch*

Free tours of Rabin Park offered
The JNF is to run free tours of its newly created Rabin Park near Jerusalem today and tomorrow to mark the second anniversary of the murder of the late prime minister.

The bus tours are to leave continuously between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. from the Harel Lookout near Kibbutz Harel, the Mahal (volunteers from abroad) monument at Sba'ar Hagai, on the road to Beit Shemesh, and from the Portzim monument opposite Shoeva. *Haim Shapiro*

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The funeral took place on Sunday, November 9, 1997 at Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

Peter Lubelski, Family and Friends

Likud still haunted by primaries

By SARAH HONIG

Hectic efforts were under way late last night to find a magic formula that could assure the Likud a smooth convention, although all in the party agreed that the proceedings had gotten off to an inauspicious start.

The actual convention work begins this morning at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds and it is due to continue through tomorrow.

As the convention opened last night in Jerusalem, the consensus was that a confrontation over the party primaries system was unavoidable, with the choice of the presidium chairman looming as the first test for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's control over his party. The presidium chairman controls the convention agenda.

Netanyahu's candidate for the post, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, warned that he would decline to stand if he must face alternative candidate Yisrael Katz. But Netanyahu yesterday failed to convince Katz to withdraw.

Katz, the moshav movement representative in the Likud, is being fielded by rebellious central committee members, out to scrap the primaries and to return the election of the party's Knesset candidates to the 2,750-member committee.

Since all the committee members are also convention delegates, Matza fears that Katz may actually defeat him, even though his fellow ministers support him.

Netanyahu begged Matza to hang in and not quit. Although Netanyahu's own prestige is on the line, Matza is reportedly reluctant to take a humiliating beating on behalf of the entire party leadership.

Netanyahu promised Matza that he will personally lobby the delegates to vote for Matza. He also promised to deliver a strongly-worded speech warning the delegates against causing an irreparable rift in the party.

Matza wasn't greatly encouraged. *The Jerusalem Post* was told, but told Netanyahu that he would think it over. A defeat for Matza would constitute a resounding vote of no-confidence in the entire party leadership. The ministers are hotly opposed to any tampering with the primary system which cooffers great advantage on them as incumbents.



PM Binyamin Netanyahu speaks at the opening of the Likud convention at the Jerusalem International Convention Center last night. (Bryan McBurney)

There was great doubt among some ministers last night that the primaries vote could be delayed as Netanyahu had promised, given the aggressive stance by the central committee militants. Should the primaries be abolished at this convention session, the ministers warn, the Likud would find itself teetering on the brink of a split.

The first move by the anti-primary forces today would be to request that the presidium chairman be elected by secret ballot. This procedure would take a long time and be much to Matza's disadvantage.

Sources around Netanyahu said that his first task on the convention floor this morning must be to deliver an appeal that would be powerful enough to dissuade the central committee members from persisting in their planned showdown.

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ANALYSIS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will have to wow the Likud convention this morning and pull the virtual rabbit out of his hat in order to survive the proceedings unscathed.

If he manages anything less than a perfect formulation that pleases everyone, he will be in a no-win situation, no matter what happens.

As things stand now, Netanyahu is being pulled in different directions by opposing forces, and mollifying one side means irking the other.

The ministers want the party's Knesset candidates to continue being elected via primaries. A powerful lobby of central committee members - who are also convention delegates - want the primaries scrapped.

Netanyahu promised the ministers that the issue will not come up for a vote this session. The central committee lobby figured this means burying the issue, and in order to pacify them Netanyahu promised a vote would be held at a special convention session in three months.

Since no one trusts anyone and all sides intimate that Netanyahu is playing a double game, the anti-primary forces say they intend bringing their issue to a vote at this session no matter what. To facilitate that, they will first try to elect their own presidium chairman to show their power and control the agenda.

If this happens the ministers will raise a buccard cry against Netanyahu's perceived duplicity and, some already yesterday cited the fact that he was cheered and applauded thunderously by the very central committee group which is said to be rebelling against his authority.

But if the central committee members win any points at all today, Netanyahu will face more than just collective ministerial chagrin. He will be seen as having lost control of the party. Should this take place, his standing would be severely shaken both inside and outside the party.

Any victory in any vote - even of a technical nature - by the anti-primary side could set off the potentially explosive situation in the party and Netanyahu would find himself very alone.

He would be able to trust no one in his government unless he manages the seemingly impossible feat of convincing the central committee at the last minute to back off and manages to get the convention to devote itself exclusively to dull uneventful ideological deliberations, which at this point are no doubt his fondest wish.

Working against him is the Likud's record - there has never been a quiet uneventful deliberation at a Likud convention.

Levy briefs cabinet on US talks

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Foreign Minister David Levy's optimistic assessment of the Washington talks with the Palestinian Authority's Mahmoud Abbas was conveyed to the cabinet yesterday and is the basis of his plan to confer with him again next Monday in Jericho.

The timing of the meeting, which will include the Israeli and Palestinian chairmen of the nine joint committees negotiating technical issues, could mean that Levy has dropped the idea of attending the World Economic Forum in Qatar.

Official sources said he may stay away for reasons of protocol, as his Arab counterparts may send lower-level aides. But a source close to Levy raised the possibility that he may decide to spend a maximum of three hours in Doha, then return to meet Abbas. The Doha conference begins on Sunday.

"It was not possible to expect that we would return from Washington with an agreement that would settle all the outstanding issues," Levy told the cabinet.

The outcome of the Washington discussions was reported personally by Levy to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and concurrently by Abbas to PA Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Netanyahu told the cabinet that no date has been set for a meeting between him and President Bill Clinton, but that it will be determined "in coordination between the two countries."

A communique said Clinton "did not refuse to meet" with Netanyahu and that "the item has been blown out of proportion." Israel Radio predicted that the two may meet in Los Angeles early next week since both will be there at the same time.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai also briefed the cabinet on his visit to the US. *Douglas Davis adds from London.*

Netanyahu can expect a cool reception from British Jewish leaders when he arrives in London for a three-day visit beginning on Thursday.

According to the *London Jewish Chronicle*, at least a dozen of the most prominent members of the community have declined invitations to attend a communal dinner in his honor, with half of the dissenters citing disapproval of his policies. Only 75 of the 200 couples who were invited to the dinner are reported to have accepted the invitation.

During his visit, Netanyahu will meet Prime Minister Tony Blair, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, and other leading figures in the government and opposition.

Netanyahu will also travel to Oxford to address members of the L'chaim Society, a Jewish-led student organization.

A survey published over the weekend by the London-based Institute for Jewish Policy Research has found that British Jews are increasingly divided over Israel, with attachment particularly weak among young British Jews.

Har Homa bids postponed for 'technical reasons'

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The Housing Ministry yesterday denied reports that the publishing of tenders for the construction of 1,000 housing units in Har Homa has been postponed until next year due to political pressure.

The bids were to be advertised this month, once infrastructure work is completed.

Housing Ministry spokesman Moshe Eilat claimed the tenders were not included in the ministry's annual work plans for 1997, although all the infrastructure work on the site would be completed by the end of the month.

"As it is already close to the end of 1997, it made more sense to publish the tenders early next year. The decision is an administrative and technical one," Eilat said.

However, MK Michael Kleiner (Likud-Gesher), who heads the Knesset lobby for the Land of Israel Front, charged that the delay would generate severe repercussions, especially when the US is pressuring Israel to freeze construction in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza.

"We are not talking about building in Petah Tikva," he said. "Har Homa is a very sensitive issue and any delay will only serve to bring more pressure on Israel."

Kleiner said he hopes the reports emanated from lower-level ministry officials who do not realize what the repercussions of such a postponement might be.

"If there is no building in Har Homa then there is nothing," Kleiner said, adding that lobby MKs would refuse to vote for the budget if construction plans are delayed.

Eilat was unable to give a definite date for the issuing of tenders in 1998.

He said the ministry is not sure whether bids would be published to construct all 1,000 units at once or in stages.

Security cabinet to discuss Raviv's role

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The role played by Avishay Raviv as a General Security Service agent assigned to infiltrating extreme right-wing groups will be reviewed at a special session of the security cabinet on Wednesday.

This is the upshot of a tense exchange between GSS chief Ami Ayalon and Science Minister Michael Eitan at yesterday's cabinet meeting.

Ayalon asked to read a statement on the Raviv issue, but Eitan objected on the grounds that he had been denied the floor and that it should not be given to Ayalon.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had asked the cabinet not to comment on the contents of the secret segment of the Shamgar Commission's report on the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, in which Raviv is mentioned.

The cabinet communique said he "emphasized that the GSS does important work in attempting to prevent violent activities and one must be careful not to damage it."

Eitan contended that former GSS chiefs have been making statements to the mass media which contradict the Shamgar report's findings and have been fueling the public debate about Raviv's activities.

A team of officials headed by the legal adviser to the Prime Minister's Bureau "is examining the issue of publishing the [secret sections of the] report," the communique went on.

Liar Collins adds: MK Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz) has asked the attorney-general to publish a clarification that the GSS's use of Raviv was done without the political intent of baring the entire right wing.

"This claim cannot be allowed to continue to hover as a black cloud over the head of the GSS and to poi-

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Then, in a clear reference to the Mashal Affair, he said, "We promised we would fight terror everywhere, and we are doing that - we are doing that even though it is difficult and there are hurdles and foul-ups, but we are doing it."

Turning to the Palestinians, Netanyahu said the PA is "an established fact, we recognize that... But what is needed is that the PA also recognize the reality, and understand there is no alternative to an all-out war against terror. It must understand that this nation will not agree to the existence of a Palestinian state that will endanger Israel; it must understand that this nation will not give up the Jordan Valley as its strategic border - I didn't say the Jordan [River] but the Jordan Valley; that this people will not give up its control over its air-space and water sources; and that, more than anything, this people will never divide Jerusalem."

Netanyahu called on Palestinians "not to make mistakes of past, and again miss a historic opportunity - don't have dreams of the destruction of Israel, not in stages or ever. We should go to the final agreement. Those who want peace will stop placing obstacles on the way to final-status talks. Our hand is extended in peace, take it."

The feel-good tone of the evening was set by a multi-media presentation documenting the highlights of the country's first 50 years. During this presentation, the crowd burst into applause and chants of "Arik, Arik" every time the narrator mentioned something that Ariel Sharon had his hand in. Huge banners were hung from the rafters that read, "Arik Sharon, the nation is with you" - a clear reference to last week's dismissal of his libel suit against Ha'aretz by Tel Aviv District Court.

The warm greeting Netanyahu received when he entered the hall and when he took the podium was a throwback to the greeting he received when he gave his victory speech there 17 months ago. He was visibly pleased with the reception, at one point encouraging it with a wave of his hand.

President Ezer Weizman opened the convention with a short greeting. The convention will meet today and tomorrow in Tel Aviv.

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By JUDY SIEGEL

Hundreds of elective operations and thousands of visits to outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes will be cancelled today due to a nationwide strike of public hospitals - general, geriatric and psychiatric. Only Laniado in Netanyahu will be unaffected. The sanctions, which will set a reduced Shabbat schedule, are part of a series of protests launched in September by the Israel Medical Association, which demands that the Treasury carry out its signed commitment to finance 360 additional doctors' job slots to alleviate overcrowding at hospital physicians. An identical strike was held last Wednesday. In addition to today's one-day strike, the physicians are continuing their new policy of discharging patients only when fully recovered, instead of sending them home prematurely. Hospitals that serve a larger or more elderly population, such as Kaplan, Assaf Harodet, Soroka, and Wolfson are already working at 160 percent capacity, with many patients lying in the corridors. No contacts were made over the weekend between the IMA and the Finance and Health ministries. IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar accused Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman of "not doing anything" to ease the congestion in the wards or to carry out his ministry's agreement, signed in March, to finance additional doctors' slots. In fact, he said, the hospitals were told to finance the extra manpower from their own funds, which they don't have. "If the Treasury has any public responsibility, I suggest that it allocate the funding... and stop turning a blind eye to the situation."

Kissinger: It's time for final status talks

THOMAS O'DWYER

Former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger said yesterday it is now time to tackle "a number of big issues" in the Middle East peace process - including the fact that a Palestinian state is inevitable. Since universal recognition of that state is inevitable, "the question becomes what are its borders," Kissinger said, in a lecture to a packed auditorium in Tel Aviv's Habimah Theater. He said that although he had been the first to advocate the step-by-step process to the Arabs and Israelis, now he believes it is time for bigger steps, or for a negotiated final settlement. "But the first, the essential, requirement for peace is knowing where you want to go," Kissinger said. "If you do not know the destination, you cannot get there and each step, each concession, becomes harder." Kissinger had been invited by the Yitzhak Rabin Center to deliver the first Rabin Lecture, launching a program of activities to honor the memory of the late prime minister, said Anita Shapira, chairman of the center. His subject was "United States and Middle Eastern Policy in a Changing Global Arena." Nobel Peace laureate Kissinger, who was secretary of state under presidents Nixon and Ford, became known as the father of shuttle diplomacy when he negotiated the cease-fire agreements between Israel, Egypt and Syria following the Yom Kippur War. Kissinger said the current period of international quiet will not continue and, when it ends, it will not be easy to mobilize help for the Middle East from the United States. "Even now in America there is isolationism on the Left, unilateralism on the Right. Thirty percent of the country has never been outside it, news reports from the outside world are incomprehensible to them. I have argued ever since prime minister Begin agreed to the concept of autonomy that a Palestinian state was inevitable. Once the concept of autonomy had been granted, nothing would prevent the outside world from elevating the status of that autonomous unit. "I told Begin on the day after Camp David, and have said it ever since, that the key question is what borders will that unit have. These two issues must be faced - the borders, and in return, the recognition of a Palestinian state cannot be prevented, whatever Israel thinks. Kissinger said "it is clear" Israel cannot return to the 1967 borders, "so without tying myself to any particular line, I think something like the Allon Plan will be the outcome. "There are indeed a host of other issues - precise limitations for the Palestinian unit's arms; it cannot possibly be a constant source of worry. "But we must be clear about the destination, and above all agree with the US that that is the destination. "This is the big decision that has to be made. One cannot possibly hope that there is a way around it."



Former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger delivers the Yitzhak Rabin Center's first Rabin Lecture in Tel Aviv's Habimah Theater yesterday. (Dan Orensky/Israel)

A tale of two converts

By DAN IZENBERG

According to Rabbi Yisrael Rosen, head of the Chief Rabbinate's Conversion Authority, 80 percent of the converts from the former Soviet Union are women. Of the 26 students in Russian activist Dina Yablonsky's Jerusalem conversion class several months ago, 18 were women - most of them young, some already married, others hoping to marry soon. At least two were being threatened with deportation because the Interior Ministry had decided that despite the documentation that they had presented, they weren't Jewish, and had no other legal right to be here. Almost all the women wore long skirts and long-sleeved shirts to class. Lena enrolled by mail in a kibbutz conversion class, but when they got here, they found they had not been registered. EACH ENDED up going her own way. Yana ended up in Jerusalem, where she joined Yablonsky's conversion class. Lena, who moved to Bat Yam and developed a circle of secular friends, said she would convert some day but is in no hurry to do so. Yana, soft-spoken and delicate-looking, seems to have no qualms about an Orthodox conversion. "I don't see myself as being extremely Orthodox, but as a woman who observes the halachic commandments," she said. "It's hard for me to go to synagogue or read the prayer book all the time. I have to get used to it. But I observe the Shabbat and holidays and the rules of kashrut. I have to more or less turn myself inside out and that takes time." Whatever difficulties of adjustment she has encountered, Yana sounds as if she would not have it any other way. "There is some sort of order in religious life - that is, in Jewish religious life - and I think it's good to live that way. Kashrut is healthy and there is something good about a faith in which you can teach your children that there is someone or something watching over you." She was not attracted to more liberal forms of religion. For her, Orthodox Judaism is real Judaism. "The Reform way is neither here nor there," she said. "If you do something, do it all the way." DR. ZE'EV FUKO, 42, immigrated from Moscow in 1991 and lives in Ma'aleh Adumim. He is a doctor at Beilinson Hospital. Fuko is also the son of a Jewish father and non-Jewish mother. His wife is Russian. Like many other Jewish families in Russia, Fuko says the only Jewish tradition his parents observed during his childhood was serving maaza - together with bread - on Pessah. Nevertheless, he felt Jewish. "Every person feels inside that he belongs to a group," Fuko said. "I can't explain exactly why. Maybe it was Zionism. I remember that when I was 13, during the Six Day War, we would listen closely to the Voice of Israel even though it was hard to hear because it was jammed." Fuko's friends were Jewish. They would congregate outside the Great Synagogue on holidays. "There was a group of us. We would walk around and talk about Jewish matters, although we weren't like [Prisoners of Zion Natan] Sharanovsky or [Yosef] Begun. I can't explain exactly why we cared, but it was like that from childhood." See CONVERTS, Page 4

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One of the students was 21-year-old Yana, who immigrated five years ago from a remote Russian town near the Mongolian border. She was enrolled in the Hebrew University's preparatory course and hoped to become an industrial designer. Yana's father is Jewish and her mother is not, but it was actually her mother who was prouder of the Jewish connection. "She even looks Jewish and was not promoted at work because people thought she was," said Yana. "My mother was the Zionist and she was the one who told me about my father's roots." None of Yana's friends were Jews and, as a child, she did not feel any different from them. But as she heard her mother's stories, she began to develop strong feelings about her origins. "When I studied history and we came to the history of the Jews, I felt it deep in my heart." She was also fascinated by what she regarded as the special power of the Jews. "I wanted to understand why they were always the focus of so much attention," she said. Before the rise of the Soviet Union's last leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, Jews in Yana's town observed religious customs at home, in private. But after perestroika, the Jewish community opened a Sunday school and started observing holidays in public. Meanwhile, the Jewish Agency began to offer seminars on Israel. At 16, Yana decided to immigrate - on her own accompanied only by a schoolmate, Lena. She said the Israeli representative in Novosibirsk checked her documents and told her she was eligible to immigrate according to the Law of Return, but that she would not be considered Jewish here. Before coming, Yana and

PALESTINIAN PRESS REVIEW

Support for Iraq

Al-Ayyam reports that six Palestinian factions, including Fatah, sent a letter to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein denouncing any American aggression against Iraq. They praised the steadfastness of the leadership and people of Iraq, who are facing a possible American attack, and demanded the removal of the blockade of Iraq. The paper also reports that the national and Islamic forces in Gaza have called for the removal of the blockade from the sister Iraq. Al-Quds quotes Hamas leader Abdel Azziz Rantisi as joining the call to Islamic nations to stand by Iraq and prevent an attack by the US.

The Hamas strategy

An article in Al-Bilad says that 10 years after the establishment of Hamas, the circumstances that brought about its creation have changed. The recent announcement by the leader of Hamas of his movement's willingness to have a truce with Israel is an indirect announcement that Hamas is willing to return to the strategy of the mother-movement, the Moslem Brotherhood, which postpones the liberation of all of Palestine until after the banner of Islam wins in the lands of Islam. The writer calls on supporters of Hamas to return to the goals of the movement. "The people of Islam who joined Hamas in order to defeat Israeli aggression are required today to deepen their participation in the battle to defeat the aggression and exploitation out of our soils, our history, our present, and our future... to fight a holy war in order to build in Palestine a homeland to Islam."

School violence

According to a report in Al-Hayat al-Jadida, four pupils at Gaza's Khalil al-Wazir High School recently threatened their teachers with weapons and cursed them. The Palestinian Police sent in large forces headed by chief Ghazi Jabali, and after many hours and with the help of several members of the Palestinian Legislative Council, the armed pupils surrendered and were removed from the place.

Kirk Douglas

Under the title "A racist American actor finances settlement in Jerusalem," Al-Hayat al-Jadida writes that Kirk Douglas "has joined the American owner of gambling clubs, Irving Moskowitz, in financing settlements in the area of occupied Jerusalem. The Israeli press reported that Douglas, who is known for his racist and antisemitic positions against Arabs and Moslems, gave a large contribution to an institute for Talmud study."

Implementing Oslo

Al-Ayyam columnist Hasan Batal refers to Dennis Ross as "the dangerous Jew" whom the Palestinian negotiators view as a mediator, coordinator, and delegate. They hold negotiations with the American State Department, in which the person in charge of the Middle East portfolio is "the Jew" Martin Indyk and Madeleine Albright, in charge of guiding US policy, who discovered she is half Jewish. The Palestinians treat President Bill Clinton with the highest respect, continues Batal, though he is considered one of the American presidents most supportive of Israel. Translation of articles courtesy of The Palestinian Media Review, a non-profit Israeli organization that monitors and translates Palestinian media.

Jerusalem

Al-Hayat al-Jadida reports on a symposium on "Jerusalem Day" held last week. At the conference, Gaza Mayor Awn Shawa warned mayors of cities throughout the world of the danger of participating in a conference next month organized by the Jerusalem City Council to mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel. Shawa said this is an attempt by the mayor of West Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert, to perpetuate the so-called Israeli sovereignty in both parts of Jerusalem.

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in brief

Israel Police: We assisted in Onassis case

The Swiss investigators who arrived here to probe the alleged plot to kidnap Athens Onassis received assistance from the Israel Police, a police official said yesterday. Dep.-Cmdr. Moshe Mizrahi, head of the National Crime Squad, noted that the police worked alongside the State Attorney's Office in the case, in which two IDF reserve officers are suspected of involvement in the plot.

On Sunday, a Swiss judge investigating the case expressed amazement at the Israel Police's decision to dismiss the case for lack of evidence. A police source said the Swiss judge, who arrived here with two investigators, did not have intelligence information, as required in cases of international cooperation, but only the testimony of one witness.

Bnei Akiva branch defaced

Vandals on Saturday night spray-painted anti-religious slogans on the wall of the Bnei Akiva branch in Jerusalem's Gilo section.

Yona Goodman, the youth movement's director, expressed sorrow that instead of using the anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination to unite the nation, extremists are using it to deepen the rifts in society.

Parley to debate impact of religion on politics

The Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the B'nai B'rith World Center are holding a conference on "The Impact of Religion on Politics at the End of the 20th Century," which begins tonight. The Jerusalem conference, which is open to the public, will provide analyses of the role of religion in the politics of various countries and geographic areas, in light of the significant role religion plays in local politics and society. Following the opening session, the conference will continue through Wednesday with five geographically defined sessions on the US, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, the Arab world, and Israel.

Netanyahu to help find funding for kids at risk

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called a meeting with Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai to discuss ways to increase the social affairs budget by NIS 200 million, to help double the number of children at risk of abuse that are helped.

Netanyahu told the cabinet yesterday he believes the money can be found from Mifal Hapayis and foundations here and abroad. Netanyahu made the remarks in summing up an overview Yishai gave the cabinet of a three-year plan to deal with family violence.

Burg: MK Blumenthal misinformed US Jews

Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg sharply criticized Knesset Absorption and Immigration Committee chairwoman Naomi Blumenthal for misrepresenting what happened at last week's committee meeting in a press release.

Burg said he was surprised to read press reports about the meeting, which said that she had accused him of "spreading disinformation" among American Jewry about the conversion bill.

In a sharply-worded letter, Burg asked: "Did we attend two different meetings? The spirit of the remarks you made at the meeting are completely different from what you were quoted as saying in the press release." He asked for an apology.



Scholarships for ex-soldiers

MK Shimon Peres (left) shakes hands with US philanthropist Samuel Rothberg, who, with his wife Jean, funds the Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Scholarships for former soldiers who are undergraduates at the Hebrew University. This year, 125 scholarships were awarded. The scholarships are given in cooperation with the Association for the Wellbeing of Israel's Soldiers. Rothberg is honorary chairman of the university's board of governors.

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Fuko said he had no hesitation about coming to Israel, and his decision was not based on economic considerations.

"We felt we belonged to the Jewish nation, especially the Israeli nation. Since we did not have such deep roots in the Soviet Union, we didn't think twice about moving."

Fuko knew he would not be regarded as Jewish here, and thought about converting before

immigrating. But the institution he considered in Moscow was run by Habad hassidim.

"I can't say these were the people I wanted to belong to," he said. Like most Jewish parents in Moscow, his parents had given him a broad, liberal education.

"The Habad people are very nice in general, but they are limited," he explained. "They were strangers to me. I didn't feel I belonged to this and I didn't want to convert artificially. If you undergo Orthodox conversion, you must accept

and observe all the constraints. That was not for me."

After coming to Israel, Fuko invested all his energy in adjusting to his new home, and forgot about conversion. Then, a few months ago, he met some people connected to the Reform movement in Jerusalem and started attending services.

"The atmosphere was very pleasant," said Fuko. "At first I didn't think of converting. In fact, there is no special reason why I decided to. We were doing fine. Not being Jewish

Amman shooting inquiry: Embassy guard who shot wasn't properly trained

By ARISH O'SULLIVAN

One of the two Israeli guards who were wounded in an ambush this past September in Amman was not properly trained and may have even shot his partner in the foot, an internal General Security Service report said.

According to Israel Radin, which broke the story, one of the bodyguards was not a member of the pool of trained bodyguards normally used to draw guards for embassies. He did not have the skills nor the proper training, the inquiry reportedly said.

The radio also said the man had never completed a GSS bodyguard training course. He got the job because he had once been a guard at the Israeli Embassy in Paris and when he ended his job there he telephoned an "office where guards are often sent" seeking further employment at another embassy.

He was told that the embassy in Jordan needed reinforcements and, without his credentials being checked, he was sent to Amman. On September 22, he and another guard were performing a routine car patrol through the "Jewish Quarter" in Amman, home to many of the embassy's personnel. Their task was to patrol along the highly policed route leading to the embassy.

As they were driving along the street, a vehicle rushed out of a side road and, in broad daylight, an occupant sprayed fire at their

car with a Kalashnikov assault rifle before the assailants fled. The guards were rushed to the hospital with bullet wounds in their legs.

An unknown group calling itself the "Islamic Resistance in Jordan" claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement sent to news agencies in Beirut.

Israel Radio said that, according to the GSS inquiry, the untrained guard returned fire at the assailants, but there remains the suspicion that he may have fired the bullet that wounded his partner, who was driving in the foot.

After the incident, GSS head Ami Ayalon appointed an internal inquiry headed by a senior GSS officer, who traveled to Amman and questioned the guards and others. Afterward, the radio said, recommendations were implemented, including changing guidelines and dismissing people.

The two guards were later identified as Mnshe Levine and Amikam Hadar. The radio report did not indicate which one was the improperly trained guard.

King Hussein visited the two when they were hospitalized in Amman before being ferried back to Israel. Hussein said the attack was "regrettable and disgraceful." Two days later, the Mossad botched an attempt to kill Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal in Amman.

that, anyway," said Fuko. "I can't say we observe Kashrut. The good thing about this conversion is that everyone can choose what is right for them. No one decides for you."

Fuko obviously opposes the proposed legislation banning Reform and Conservative conversions. But he is not worried about the fact that he may never be recognized as Jewish by the state.

"I chose this type of conversion because it suits my needs," said Fuko. "I didn't do it to get something."

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Beilin launches movement for Lebanon withdrawal

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
A new movement chaired by MK Yossi Beilin plans to conduct an ongoing public and political campaign to get the IDF out of Lebanon, even without a peace settlement with Syria and Lebanon.

The Movement for Leaving Lebanon Peacefully, which was launched in Tel Aviv yesterday, also includes MKs Haim Ramon, Nissim Zivili, Yona Yahav and Ya'el Dayan (Labor), Dedi Zucker and Naorim Hazan (Meretz), Zvi Weinberg (Yisrael Ba'aliya), representatives of the Four Mothers group and several public figures and artists.

"Blood is being spilt in Lebanon unnecessarily, we come to stop this bloodshed and the continuing foolishness in Lebanon, which was born in sin and continued in sin," Beilin said at the press conference.

Beilin said there is no political or ideological basis for staying in Lebanon, noting that many IDF generals and reserve generals agree it is in Israel's national interest to withdraw, even without a peace agreement with Syria or Lebanon.

Beilin said the movement offers a peaceful way of getting out of Lebanon, with alternative security arrangements and adequate arrangements for the South Lebanese Army.

"With all due respect to Syrian President Assad, rantings of Hizbullah heads or SLA threats, those are not good enough reasons to stay there. This movement will make sure the issue does not drop from the agenda, even on days when there are no casualties in Lebanon, and exert pressure on the decision makers to get out of Lebanon," he said.

He said that during the Rabin memorial rally on Saturday night, more than 2,500 new members signed up to join the movement.

Rovit Agassi, of the Four Mothers group, said the mothers' movement "was formed out of the terrible feeling our children's blood is being spilt, they are being

used as cannon fodder and there is no solution in sight. "The deep despair from the cynicism, indifference and mental fixation of the government drove us into the streets as a protest group. Beilin's movement provides the political connection to the parliamentary corridors which we lacked."

She added "as parents, we cannot back our children's serving in Lebanon and tell them they're doing the right thing."

Zivili urged the public to stop regarding Israel's stay in Lebanon as "a divine decree" about which nothing can be done.

"Now, when the circumstances of the war in Lebanon are coming to light [with the verdict of the Sharon vs. Ha'aratz trial], it's intolerable having to keep our soldiers stuck there, knowing the IDF entered Lebanon without a cabinet decision and perhaps without the knowledge of many ministers."

The political leaders must be forced to open their mind to alternatives, he said, "because in the present situation no one can win. The only way out of Lebanon is on stretchers, and we don't want any more soldiers leaving that way."

Labor MK Ephraim Sneh, meanwhile, asked party chairman Ehud Barak to issue a statement making it clear that Labor is not affiliated with the new movement.

Sneh, who, like Barak, objects strongly to a unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon, noted that as soon as Israel quits Lebanon, Hizbullah will take over not only south Lebanon but the entire state. A unilateral withdrawal will also make it much easier for the Hizbullah to target Israeli towns, he said.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's media advisor Avi Benayahu said the IDF's activities in south Lebanon constitute a security issue and not a political one. Benayahu added all military and security service assessments indicate that in the absence of an agreement ensuring the security of the northern communities, it would not be right to withdraw unilaterally from Lebanon.

Government, Holy See to sign first pact since normalizing ties

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Israel and the Holy See are to sign an agreement today on the legal status of Roman Catholic institutions in Israel, an act which a Foreign Ministry official described as the first public sign of normalization between the two since the estab-

ishment of diplomatic relations in June 1994. However, the signing comes a full year and a half after the joint subcommittee, which was set up in order to bring about an agreement on the issue, actually reached its conclusions.

The failure of the government to follow up the agreement with the signing ceremony was interpreted by some Roman Catholic sources as a lack of enthusiasm by the Israelis to continue the process of normalization with the Roman Catholic Church.

He said that interpretation came from certain circles which had an interest in casting a negative light on relations between Israel and the Roman Catholic Church. He said the main source of the delay was the change in government. "The new government had to learn the material," Kennet said. "It took time for them to deal with it."

Seeking reconciliation on anniversary of Rabin slaying:

Gesher group heralds new religious-secular dialogue

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

Hundreds of pupils from religious and secular high schools crowded into a giant tent yesterday, kicking off a "Day of Dialogue" organized by the Gesher organization to mark the anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination.

The tent in the courtyard of the Tel Aviv Museum was filled with round tables, each seating some 10 high school seniors and a qualified facilitator from Gesher, an organization that promotes understanding between religious and secular. Each group had been carefully balanced between girls and boys, and religious and secular.

Over soft drinks and sandwiches, the teenagers discussed values, viewpoints and opinions - both those they shared and those on which they strongly disagreed.

The facilitators provoked the discussion by exploring stereotypes the groups have of one another, raising issues of coexistence such as the Rehov Bar-Ilan controversy and yeshiva students' exemptions from army service, and posing provocative questions such as, "Which identity is more



Meretz MK Dedi Zucker (seated, center), shakes hands with Education Minister Zevulun Hammer (National Religious Party) as Gesher organization chairman Dr. Danny Tropper (right) and high school pupils look on, at yesterday's mass dialogue between religious and secular pupils in Tel Aviv.

important to you, that of a Jew or that of an Israeli?"

One mentioned the political nature of the rally in Rabin's memory held on Saturday night and asked the pupils, "Do you think that there is one value or issue that we could all attend a rally in support of?"

"Zionism?" ventured a young man in response. "Perhaps," the facilitator answered. "But what about the settlers? They think that they are expressing their Zionism by settling the Land of Israel and other people feel they are hurting Zionism by doing what they are doing."

Inevitably, much of the discussion focused on the Rabin murder and its aftermath. "I'm sick and tired of being blamed for this," said a young woman named Rachel. "Rabin was my prime minister, too. I was hurt by his killing, too. I don't understand why, just because I am religious, I am constantly expected to apologize and ask forgiveness for his assassination."

The massive dialogue was a high-profile version of the discussions facilitated by Gesher on a regular basis across the country. "All year, we concentrate on individuals, with our seminars

within individual schools and communities," said Ilan Gealdor, who runs the Gesher Center in Jerusalem. "Today, Gesher decided to combine the personal with the public, by inviting individuals from all over Israel from various schools to meet with one another."

He said that following the Rabin assassination "there was a huge increase in demand for our seminars, as people were beginning to wake up to the problem."

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer praised the effort, telling the pupils yesterday that "we have to do everything we can to avoid anything like the Rabin assassination happening again. And the most important thing we can do is to talk."

He said that religious and secular "do not have to agree on everything, but they do have to learn to live together peacefully, even without agreement."

A recent survey commissioned by Gesher found that the rift between religious and secular was perceived to be the most pressing problem in Israeli society. The survey, conducted by Modi'in Ezerah, found that 54 percent of those polled cited the religious-secular conflict as the most bitter controversy in Israel. Twenty percent said the biggest conflict was between the Left and Right, 9% between Ashkenazim and Sephardim, and 3% said the biggest gap was between rich and poor.

Arveh Dean Cohen adds: Gesher is inviting the public to sign a petition calling for tolerance between religious and secular, which can be signed via the Internet.

"We hope every Israeli and every Jew, wherever they are, will do something to reduce the polarization in the people, and to widen the dialogue between observant and secular, not as a project but as a way of life," said Gesher chairman Dr. Danny Tropper.

Gesher's web site is at <http://www.gesher.co.il>

Ethiopian immigrant group alarmed by high dropout rate

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Charges and countercharges were exchanged yesterday between the Israel Association for Ethiopian Jews and the Education Ministry after the association published statistics indicating an alarming rise in the number of Ethiopian youngsters who have dropped out of school and are involved in criminal activity.

According to the association, the number of 12-15 year old Ethiopians engaged in criminal activity, based on what it said were police reports, is up some 300 percent in the period between 1994 and early 1997.

Association officials also noted that only 12.5% of Ethiopians eligible to take the matriculation exams received a matriculation certificate, significantly lower than the 38% national average.

However, Yohanan Ben-Ya'acov, head of the Education Ministry's Authority for Immigrant Absorption, said in a letter to the group that there were "inaccuracies" and mistakes in the report. He also noted there were "two major, significant deficiencies: He who can't see the light and success and achievements has no right to show the darkness and failure! He who continues to spit into the well he drinks from does not deserve to draw water from that well."

Association officials rejected

Ben-Ya'acov's letter and sent a copy to Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, calling it "harsh, degrading and threatening."

"They prefer us to be silent," said Shula Mola, herself a member of the Ethiopian community and a project coordinator for the association.

Moshe Bahta, director of the United Ethiopian Jewish Organizations, said that while he disagreed with some of the association's tactics, he agreed that the problem of Ethiopian youngsters who had dropped out of any educational framework was a severe one.

"We need to find the resources to help these youngsters now, or risk having to invest considerably more to help them later," he said. Mola said that Education Ministry officials put the number of dropouts at 700, "but those figures have stayed the same for the past two years, which just doesn't make any sense."

She said the association puts the figure at more than 1,500 of the 15,000 pupils in grades 1-12 who should be in school.

An Education Ministry official said yesterday that the ministry provides significantly more resources for the Ethiopian immigrants than it does to other groups, and it could document the successes that have been achieved in aiding the Ethiopian community.

Community centers enlisted for project

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and Itin

In dozens of community centers around the country yesterday, observant and secular youngsters held encounters as part of a "Day of Dialogue" marking the second anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

The meetings were initiated by the Community Centers Association and were part of discussion groups which featured rabbis, public figures, and others representing a wide range of political opinion.

Many community centers are planning ceremonies and other special commemoration events this week, to be attended by representatives of all members of the community.

Today there will be a bicycle race for youth from the Biyamin Community Center - which includes Ofra, Beit El, Psagot and others - along with youngsters from kibbutzim in the North. The two groups will then hold a discussion on the causes of the distance between observant and secular Israelis.

Dr. Dov Golberger, director-general of the Community Centers Association, said the association is taking a wide role in the commemorations, because they are one of the few public bodies not identified with any political group, making it easier for young people and adults to participate.

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Algerian gov't behind '95 Paris bombs, paper

LONDON (Reuters) - A former Algerian secret agent claimed in a British newspaper report yesterday that Algeria has regularly committed atrocities in which foreigners have been killed, including bomb attacks in Paris in 1995.

The man, now seeking political asylum in Britain, also told the *Observer* that Algeria is hiding material for Iraq's nuclear, chemical, and biological warfare program.

The former agent, named only as Yussuf, said the Paris bombs, which killed eight people and were blamed on Moslem fanatics at the time, were in fact planted by the Algerian secret service.

The former agent, named only as Yussuf,

also said seven Italian seamen had their throats slit in July 1994, when their ship was in the port of Jenjen east of Algiers, as a deliberate act of state policy.

The attack, again blamed on Moslem fundamentalists, took place on the eve of a meeting of the G7 group of major industrialized nations in Italy.

The present Algerian regime came to power in a coup in 1992, after elections showed the Islamic Salvation Front was poised to take power.

The agent said President Liamine Zeroual is a relatively powerless figure and the state is effectively run by two men - Mohammed Mediane, known as 'Bawfik,

and Gen. Smail Lamari.

He said that in addition to the murder and torture of Algerians, the killing of foreigners, and helping Iraq's President Saddam Hussein defeat UN sanctions against him, the regime is regularly bribing European police, journalists, and legislators.

In a chilling description of police methods against opponents inside Algeria, the former agent said: "I have seen in Antar, a torture center near the Algiers zoo, a human eye with a fork in it."

"I have seen interrogations when they have threatened: 'Speak or we will f... your daughter' only 14 years of age. I very rarely have a peaceful night."

Meanwhile, six Arab intellectuals on Saturday called for a meeting of leading Arab thinkers to create a "psychological shock" to end bloodshed in Algeria.

"The events now taking place in Algeria mark a turn in the history of Islam and the history of the world," Tunisian psychoanalyst Fethi Benslama told the Paris daily *Le Monde*.

"The crimes against humanity being committed there mark a dividing point... and I think if we can get Arab intellectuals together, they will have important things to say. The meeting would create a psychological shock and allow the question to be put as to who is responsible for the massacres."

Others supporting such a meeting included Egyptian writer Gamal Ghitany, Moroccan writer Tahar ben Jelloun, Lebanese writers Elias Khoury and Hanyeh Sheikh, and Palestinian filmmaker Michel Khleifi.

They spoke to *Le Monde* ahead of a day of solidarity with Algeria's population scheduled in France today and due to include street marches and cultural events.

Sheikh said Algiers would be the right place to hold a meeting of intellectuals, but added it is doubtful it would be allowed there.

Hundreds of civilians have died in grisly massacres in recent months in Algiers and its surrounds. The government blames Moslem rebels.

In the latest massacre, gunmen, thought to be Moslem rebels, cut the throats of or decapitated with axes 22 civilians in western Algeria, national newspapers said yesterday.

About 20 gunmen stopped the victims at a fake roadblock in Tlemcen province on Friday then took them into a waste ground nearby where they were slaughtered, *El Wazzan* and *Al Khabar* newspapers said.

They said most of the victims were heading for mass prayers at a mosque near Tlemcen, some 400 km. west of Algiers. Among the victims were six women and one teenager.

More than 65,000 people have died since Algeria slipped into civil strife in 1992.

Evangelist Pat Robertson: Islam 'religion of slavers'

By CARYLE MURPHY

WASHINGTON (The Washington Post) - Moslem leaders demanded an apology Friday from Christian evangelist Pat Robertson for saying on his television program that converting to Islam "is nothing short of insanity" because it means embracing "the religion of the slavers" who sold Africans into servitude.

The comments were made October 27 on Robertson's *700 Club*, which airs on his Virginia Beach, Virginia-based Christian Broadcasting Network.

"Mr. Robertson's hate-filled remarks fit a pattern of demonization of Islam and Moslems we see growing in strength in this country," Nihad Awad, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), said at a news conference. He said Robertson had "insulted" US Moslems and had previously expressed anti-Moslem prejudice.

Robertson's remarks, according to a transcript provided by CAIR, were made following a report about the persecution of Christians in some Middle East countries.

"To see Americans become followers of, quote, Islam, is nothing short of insanity," the group quoted Robertson as saying. "The Islamic people, the Arabs, were the ones who captured Africans, put them in slavery, and sent them to America as slaves. Why would people in America want to embrace the religion of the slavers?"

Patty Silverman, spokeswoman for Robertson, said in a statement that his words "were taken out of context and unfairly misrepresented his views. His comments were in reference to a story we did on a Moslem faction group and their activities in the Middle East, not the entire Moslem population."

Robertson, chairman of the Christian Coalition, "has great love for the Arab people" and

"has always spoken out in support of religious freedom" for all faiths, Silverman said.

At the news conference, the Rev. Clark Lobenstein, executive director of the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, singled out Robertson's reference to Moslem slave traders.

He said, "Virtually all slave holders in this country were Christians."

Awad also claimed that in a July 1994 *700 Club* program Robertson said, "There is tremendous fatalism in Islam... You've got flies in your face, it's the will of Allah. A child is hungry, it's the will of Allah."

Silverman declined to discuss any earlier remarks made by Robertson.

American Muslim Council media coordinator Fahhim Abdulhadi demanded an apology. "As a convert myself," he said, "I would like to quickly say that the last time I checked, I was not insane."

Presidents abound at Bush library

By JAMES GERSTENZANG

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (LA Times) - Five years ago they weren't quite such good friends.

George Bush called Bill Clinton and his running mate a pair of buffoons, as in, "My dog Millie knows more about foreign affairs than these two hoes."

Bill Clinton accused George Bush of being kinder and gentler to foreign despots, as in, "Our outfit has a bigger pur-

pose than to coddle dictators and stand aside from the global movement toward democracy."

But on Thursday, a brisk autumn day in this quarter of Texas, a friendship of mutual appreciation blossomed under an expansive, cloudless sky. The president of the United States and the predecessor he had defeated opened side by side over the opening of the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

The current president and his

immediate predecessor were joined by two of the three living members of their select fraternity, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, and a parade of first ladies: 84-year-old Lady Bird Johnson, walking haltingly aided by a cane and the arm of a white-uniformed military aide; Betty Ford; Rosalynn Carter; Nancy Reagan; Barbara Bush; and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

They were joined on the dais by Carollee Kennedy Schlossberg, David Eisenhower and Julie Nixon Eisenhower.



Breakthrough gesture to US gays

President Bill Clinton greets Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign, a gay-rights group, at its national dinner in Washington on Saturday, which he addressed. It was the first time a sitting president had addressed a gay-rights event. (AP)

Mexican MDs found encased in cement

MEXICO CITY (The Washington Post) - The mutilated bodies of two physicians said to have participated in a fatal surgical procedure on Mexico's most powerful drug smuggler

have been found embedded in concrete-filled barrels beside a highway, the Attorney-General's Office said Thursday.

Authorities said they suspect that another mangled but unidentified body - found last Monday in a matching barrel of concrete - may be that of another doctor who assisted in the surgery.

The killings - among the most grisly in recent annals of Mexican mayhem - were reminders of the savagery of Mexico's all-out drug wars, which US and Mexican law enforcement officials say now rival the ferocity generated by Colombian drug cartels and US and Italian mafias of earlier eras.

The surgery - facial reconstruction and liposuction conducted on July 4 - led to the death of Amado Carrillo Fuentes, head of a notorious drug trafficking network based in the city of Ciudad Juarez, just across the border from El Paso, Texas. Since Carrillo's death, his syndicate's territory has been swept by a torrent of violence, including dozens of revenge killings, as lower-level chieftains settle accounts.

The bodies found last Monday - bound, gagged, and encased in 66-gallon oil drums - showed signs of torture, according to the Guerrero State Attorney-General's Office. Officials there said the victims' fingernails had been ripped out and that their bodies were covered with burn marks. Two had been strangled with cables that were still wrapped around their necks, while the third had been shot, they said.

Mariano Herran Salvati said

that the discovery of the bodies - only five days after he said his agency had issued arrest warrants for the doctors - means that his agency is closing its investigation into Carrillo's death.

Sweating profusely and cutting off aggressive questions from reporters, Herran provided no evidence to support his assertion that the physicians intended to kill the drug lord, or could he explain why the arrest warrants were issued two weeks after the men were reported missing by their families.

Although details of the killings and photographs of the victims were particularly gruesome, the discovery of the bodies in their concrete tombs came as no surprise to most Mexicans. Many here have spent the last four months speculating about the probable fate of the surgeons involved in the eight-hour operation, which was designed to alter Carrillo's appearance and help him avoid capture.

Carrillo, 41, died several hours after the surgery, which was performed in a heavily guarded room at Mexico City's Santa Monica Hospital. Doctors attributed his death to a lethal mixture of anesthetics and the sedative Dormicum.

Mexican authorities had said initially that all of the doctors involved in Carrillo's surgery had gone into hiding, with the exception of one who some officials said was in police custody. But the family of Jaime Godoy Singh, 37 - identified at the time of Carrillo's death as one of the doctors involved in the surgery - said that Godoy had remained in Mexico City, where he was a prominent ear, nose, and throat specialist.

It was not until October 17, the family said - more than three months after Carrillo's death - that Godoy actually disappeared and they reported him missing, along with two of his associates. On Tuesday, Godoy's father heard radio reports that the three bodies had been found in cement-filled drums beside a highway in Guerrero State between Mexico City and Acapulco, and he telephoned police, expressing suspicion that one of the bodies might be that of his missing son.

The father and a brother of the missing physician arrived Wednesday morning at the morgue in Iguala, about 70 miles south of Mexico City, where police handed them photos of the mutilated bodies. The father immediately became ill and was taken to a hospital, but the brother identified one body as that of his brother based on a dental prosthesis he knew Godoy wore.

He also reportedly identified one of the other bodies as Ricardo Reyes Rincoo, a Colombian doctor who was purported to have taken part in Carrillo's surgery. Drug chief Herran said Thursday night that investigators believe the second body is that of Reyes, but that they have not completed their examination of the body. Reyes was a close associate of Carrillo and a high-ranking member of the drug network, according to documents filed in a US court case in New York.

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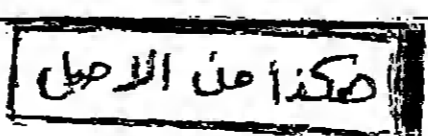
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Director and star Anthony Hopkins returns to his native country for this adaptation of Chekhov's 'Uncle Vanya.'

The Wales of 'August'



By ADINA HOFFMAN

Actor Anthony Hopkins makes his directing debut with *August*, yet another reworking of Anton Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya*. This time the sleepy proceedings have been transplanted to the greenish-gold countryside of late 19th-century North Wales at the end of summer, and the story opened out by screenwriter Julian Mitchell to show us life beyond the genteel teatimes of the estate overseen by Ievan (Hopkins) and his plain niece Sian (Rhian Morgan).

over the hill, and in an early scene one of these miners is mortally wounded in a blast. Dr. Lloyd (Gawn Grainger), the local physician, has come to the estate to attend to the gout of Blathwain (Leslie Phillips), a sturdy old English professor and Ievan's former brother-in-law who has recently arrived on the scene with his elegant young second wife, Helen (Kate Burton). But as soon as he hears word of the accident, the doctor rushes away to care for the dying man.

The idea, it would seem, is to give Chekhov's ur-Russian tale of the waning of the strength of the landed gentry a certain Celtic class-consciousness. And while one understands the filmmakers' desire to locate the tale more precisely in Wales, the intrusion of this bloody accident feels crude and immediately throws the delicate rhythms of the drama off balance. Aside from the fact that Hopkins and Mitchell are both Welsh and that most of the cast and crew have some connection to the place (the talented Morgan is a Welsh-language TV

star and Burton is the Swiss-born, American daughter of actor and Welshman Richard Burton), the film's location adds little to our sense of the characters or their actions.

The urge to translate *Vanya* to some other setting and social context is, of course, nothing new. The play has been recast numerous times and with extremely varied results: the last few years alone have brought both Michael Blakemore's dreadful Australian slapstick version, *Country Life*, and Louis Malle's sublimely unadorned *Vanya on 42nd Street*, set in the shabby brown glow of a Times Square theater slated for demolition. Ostensibly a filmed, plainclothes rehearsal of Andre Gregory's stage production, Malle's *Vanya* evolves not just as a fine rendition of the Chekhov play but also as a complex and subtly woven meditation on acting, provincialism, urbanity, authenticity and nostalgia for the "old ways" - whether of the Russian aristocracy or of Broadway in its heyday. (By far the best of all these versions, *Vanya on*

mus-headed Ievan, has moments of real pathos and depth, it also slips too readily into broad burlesque, which in turn spills over to the rest of the film, and even into Hopkins's own musical score which keeps announcing loudly the outrageous whimsy of certain otherwise-serious scenes. (Ievan's bumbling attempt to shoot the professor is especially overplayed and confused in its comic-tragic tone.)

Meanwhile, Burton's stiff performance as Helen also poses a steep problem. With her flat voice and drawn features, she lacks the character's necessary magnetism and glamour. According to the script, her presence in the house sends the others into a tailspin, causing Ievan and the doctor to make love-struck fools of themselves as Sian grows intensely jealous and the servants to fuss nonstop. But there's a hardness about Burton that makes a delusional mockery of all their sudden behavior: her bad acting hasn't saddened Helen, it's rendered her sour and unappealing, and knocked the emotional logic out of the story line.

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A winter of hot jazz

By HELEN KAYE

Dyed-in-the-wool jazzophiles in Israel can go from New Orleans to New York twice a month from this week to May and never leave the country. Pianist Danny Gottfried's series celebrates New Orleans from the 1920s to the present and has moved across the plaza to the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center (TAPAC) from the Tel Aviv Museum of Art (TAMA), where it started six years ago. The series includes trumpeter Nicholas Payton, and Delfeayo Marsalis and Frederick Lonzo Jr., both trombonists.

performing for over 15 years. "The trombone seat will never be the same again," wrote a critic praising a gig that Lonzo did in Boston, and talked about a joyous, fat, round, earthy tone that had the primeval force "of the golden days of New Orleans jazz."

Besides, the New Yorkers all want to come to New Orleans because you can play here every day of the week and at all hours of the day. This musician has been almost everywhere else in the last two years, but according to singer Miles Griffith's packed calendar, he hasn't sung in New Orleans. The 28-year-old, like Lonzo, is making his first visit to Israel, where he'll reunite with saxophonist Walter Blanding, the artistic director of the New York jazz series that has slipped into the vacated jazz slot at TAMA.



Frederick Lonzo Jr. plays in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv this month.

day, wherever I am, and listen to the aural environment. I'll do that in Tel Aviv too, and the sounds I'll hear will become part of the program. I do different voice-over techniques, and they're in there too. I guess you could say I explore sound."

Local quartet to rival the world's best

By MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

When Bronislaw Huberman recruited Central European musicians to leave their homeland and gather in Palestine to form the Palestine Philharmonic Orchestra, he could never have envisioned that by the end of the century, four young Israeli musicians would choose his name to inaugurate a string quartet.

in any case, is where we all started." All four were members of the JMC young musicians project and received AICF scholarships for many years. There was a time when there were numerous first-rate chamber music ensembles in Israel which played regularly at home and abroad, the Tel Aviv Quartet and the Yuval Trio leading the pack. But within the past decade, chamber music ensembles have almost ceased to exist in Israel. There is a lot of chamber music in the land, but no real ensembles that play together as a group for an extended consecutive period of time.

Huberman knew that Europe was in mortal danger and that the only way to confront it was to continue musical life in the real home of the Jewish people. Now, several decades later, the musicians of this day and age embrace the Huberman tradition and carry his legacy around the world. The Huberman Quartet, making its debut next week, comprises four young (27-29) Israelis, all of whom have active careers all over the world. Violinist Guy Braunstein, who has an apartment in Miami, actually resides in airplanes and

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Here Griffith will sing with trumpeter Marlon Jordan, with whom he has never performed. "We'll meet on stage," he says coolly. "That's very common in jazz."

NEWS of the muse

Astrology in chamber dance
Chamber dance is so called because it's intimate, more contemplative and often more personal than "regular" modern dance, and the annual Chamber Dance Festival has a devoted circle of fans. This year's, the ninth, is at Tel Aviv's Suzanne Dellal Center from November 19-22 and at Gerard Behar in Jerusalem from November 25-29. It's different from its predecessors in that it blends dance with music.

Jaffa Theater Company returns triumphant
Jaffa's Created Theater company has returned home from Aachen, Germany, trailing clouds of glory following its critically acclaimed presentation of *Penthesilea*. The local premiere will be in Jaffa next month.

'The Full Monty' draws Drew
Prime-time comedian Drew Carey was so taken by the film *The Full Monty* (currently previewing in Israeli cinemas) that he invited the cast to appear in an episode of his television program *The Drew Carey Show*.

Wronged out of copyright for Diana
An Oregon publisher has gone to court seeking credit for a song on Princess Diana's funeral album. OCP Publications, a non-profit religious corporation, owns the copyright for "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" by Sebastian Temple.

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After the rally

The massively attended rally in Tel Aviv's Kikar Rabin, two years after Yitzhak Rabin was murdered there following a similar rally at the same spot, was portrayed by the organizers as apolitical. Partisan posters were kept to a minimum and most of the speakers did not mention the current prime minister. Most pundits, however, correctly regarded the rally as blatantly political — in effect, the largest anti-government rally ever staged in Israel's history.

In fact, the rally was so big precisely because it addressed both agendas. Neither the cause of memorializing Rabin alone, nor protesting against the government alone, would have drawn such a crowd. The combination struck a powerful chord, touching many people who felt the need to mourn, remember, and protest.

The ambivalence and tension between the rally's two messages were most clearly evident when the only member of the government, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, rose to speak. Invited to the rally at the last minute by the Rabin family, Sharansky was greeted with boos by some of the crowd, but was not deterred. The former Soviet dissident spoke of how he went into a Soviet prison with images of two Israeli heroes on his mind: then prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who sent Israeli commandos to Entebbe to rescue Israeli hostages in 1976; and Yonatan Netanyahu, the young officer who died leading the successful mission.

"With these images [of the Entebbe mission] I went to prison, knowing that one day Israel and the Jewish people would win my freedom," Sharansky told the crowd. "All the years in prison, I felt that we were one people with shared dreams. But how to attain them — the answer to that divided us. The terrible day of Rabin's murder tore all of us apart ... but the [sense of national mourning] has been broken by political one-upmanship — this should not have happened. I know that many in Israel who mourn did not come today because they did not feel welcome and that is not right, it cannot be. I call upon all of us: next year, Israel's jubilee year, on this day, that we remember Rabin together in one great rally and stand together and mourn together."

To this, the crowd responded with strong applause, most no doubt dreaming that by next year the Netanyahu government would be gone. Today, many seem to assume that any sort of

national reconciliation is impossible with the current government in power. This sense of hopelessness, ironically, was also palpable before the last election and ultimately emerged as a major factor in Netanyahu's victory. In this regard, it is instructive to remember Netanyahu's first pledge as prime minister-elect in his victory speech, just a year and a half ago: "I see my first task as prime minister to mend the rifts, to reduce the tensions, and to strengthen the unity and the sense of partnership, that is the basis of our existence. And I want to tell you: the first peace is peace at home."

At that time it seemed, as Netanyahu claimed, that a government of the Right had the best chance of pursuing peace without splitting the nation apart in the process. The cliché that only the Right could make peace — or in an American metaphor Netanyahu has used, "only Nixon could go to China" — gained considerable plausibility. And judging from the lopsided 81-17 Knesset vote in favor of the Hebron Accord, such a model indeed could work. Since then, the rhetorical bones Netanyahu has periodically thrown to his right have been enough to allow the Palestinians to reject every Israeli attempt to continue the process, while shedding the blame for stalemate on Israel's doorstep.

It seems that what the model did not take into account is that a government of the Right cannot "get away with" policies that might have squeaked by under the previous government — such as building a new neighborhood on Jerusalem's Har Homa — without the peace process grinding to a halt.

The opposition knows full well that the Har Homa project was born under Labor governments and had been approved by Rabin himself, and that under Netanyahu the settlement enterprise has not grown more than under Rabin. Saying so would help the peace process by discrediting the Palestinians from demanding unrealistic concessions from Israel; unfortunately, the opposition would rather wound Netanyahu.

The question now is how Netanyahu can extract himself from a downward spiral in which the government increasingly looks as if a small push could send it tottering off to new elections — and the opposition, the Palestinians, and even perhaps the United States are willing to let the peace process stall at Netanyahu's expense.

Lead the middle

YOSEF GOELL

The mass demonstration on Saturday night in Tel Aviv's Kikar Rabin on the occasion of the second anniversary of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination was undeniably an impressive affair. Mobilizing and transporting over 200,000 demonstrators — reportedly the biggest demo this country has ever seen — was no small feat.

Before we jump to conclusions about that organizational ability reflecting a sea-change in the popular divisions in the country, how-

Rabin's murder. The politically partisan tone of the demonstration was highlighted by the catcalls which greeted Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, the only member of the Netanyahu government to attend, and Rabbi Yoel Bin-Nun, one of the few national religious settlers who had courageously called for soul-searching in his camp after the assassination and was subsequently ostracized for his efforts.

Such attacks rarely, if ever, win political wars. The effect they do have is to invite counterattacks that are just as — and even more — heinous, on the part of those being besmirched. This is exactly what has now happened in the case of the preposterous charges being launched from the Right of a plot that had ostensibly been hatched in the General Security Service which led to Rabin's assassination. And this from right-wing parties which have always held the security services and the IDF sacrosanct.

Barak has shown that he has the basic instincts to fulfill such a leadership role, but he must shun the temptation to become the leader of a nationally divisive Left

ever, we should remember that Bibi Netanyahu and the millions of the religious Right out-mobilized Labor in getting out the vote in the 1996 elections.

What impressed me most about Saturday night's demonstration was the schizophrenia of its organizers and key speakers. According to reports, it was Labor chairman Ehud Barak who insisted on changing the demonstration's original motto from "We won't forget, we won't forgive" to "We won't forget, we'll shut peace." Clearly a choice of a unifying over a divisive theme. But in his keynote speech, as in those of most of the other speakers, the divisive theme was the one emphasized.

Many speakers chose to reiterate the canard that the entire political Right and the entire national religious camp were responsible for the incitement which led to

WE have always been an extremely politicized society, but never before have we been in such great danger of descending into political chaos. The present dangerous internal divisions began 20 years ago, with the end of Labor's previous 29-year monopoly on power. In the last two decades the two main political camps have been so evenly matched that their leaders have been ready to go to any lengths to win that tiny electoral advantage that would guarantee their election, even if the victory was so narrow as to make it nearly impossible to govern effectively.

Rabin was elected prime minister in 1992 by a fluke resulting from the fragmentation of the right-wing parties. Netanyahu was elected by a half-percent majority in May 1996. Under the rules of the game, both were legitimately elected.

After a hesitant beginning, Rabin was eventually seduced into believing that he could get way out ahead of public opinion on the peace process. During the two years between the beginning of

Dry Bones



the Oslo process and his assassination, monthly public opinion polls showed that about 70 percent of the public supported the process in principle; but during the last year of his life the political upstart and nobody, Netanyahu, was leading him in the polls.

Rabin had clearly failed to persuade a skeptical public that was ready to buy his thesis of Oslo as a calculated risk rather than a messianic mission, that he was indeed working and that he was in control of events. Netanyahu is making a similar mistake, in interpreting his razor-thin victory at the polls as a mandate for scrapping Oslo altogether and identifying himself with the extreme Right and the looniest of the settlers and religious Right.

The greatest challenge confronting anyone who would lead Israel in these trying times is to eschew either of the political extremes and to speak to — and lead — Israel's large middle. If Barak — who in Rabin's cabinet had the

courage to vote against Oslo — merely intends to be a Peres clone, he will end up leading his party to another electoral defeat. The country is crying out not only for peace, but for a political leader who can unite a very large part of the pragmatic middle around a hard-nosed, realistically fine-tuned accommodation with the Palestinians and the Arab world.

The same is true for seeking an accommodation between secular Israel and modern, Zionist, Orthodox, instead of with militant haredim who reject all meaningful compromises.

Barak has shown that he has the basic instincts to fulfill such a leadership role. That would require, however, that he openly shun the temptation to become the leader of a nationally divisive Left. It is yet to be seen what his choice will be.

The writer comments on public affairs.

Weakness invites aggression

EFRAIM INBAR

The high casualty toll in south Lebanon this year has prompted a heated public debate over the need for the present IDF deployment inside the security zone. The debate crosses political parties and revolves around the question whether Hizbullah will continue to harass Israeli targets on our side of the border after a unilateral withdrawal. Recently, Hizbullah helped clarify the situation: It stated its fighters plan to oust the Jews from Palestine.

Moreover, it is now clearer than ever that this Islamic radical organization wants us to stay in south Lebanon, because the struggle against the "occupation of Lebanon" provides the organization with material resources, prestige and political weight in the Lebanese domestic arena. Syria also relies on our presence in south Lebanon. Assad wants the opportunity to bleed us in order to weaken our will to fight, as well as to make the evacuation from south Lebanon, which is linked to a withdrawal from the Golan, more acceptable for Israelis.

It is in our interest to minimize the scope of conflict with Arab actors and to limit their opportunities to engage us militarily and extract a painful cost from us. Some of those opposing full withdrawal from the Golan in exchange for a peace treaty, are inclined to withdraw from Lebanon to remove a Syrian source of leverage in its

bargaining with Israel.

They, and others, argue that fighting from behind our border, if provoked, makes the use of force politically more acceptable — although it is wrong to assume that international public opinion will be understanding towards Israeli military activity, particularly if perceived as disproportionate in relation to the challenge.

The main question is, however, how to best defend Israeli villages and towns along the border. This is our vital interest — allowing our citizens to live as peacefully as possible within Israel's undisputed borders. This is the elementary duty of any state in the world. Therefore, the military struggle in the north is fully justified. Yet, pursuing justice is patently not enough; the struggle must be cost-effective.

Some pundits tell us that we are doomed to lose in a guerrilla struggle. There are guerrilla struggles that have failed, however. We have been successful in the past in crushing Palestinian guerrilla activity in the West Bank and Gaza.

It is obvious that the IDF's present deployment and the mode of actions is not optimal for fighting a guerrilla war. Can tanks be of much use in such a war besides constituting sitting ducks? The IDF has finally realized the short-

comings of the present methods and is edging toward devising new ways of meeting the challenge. Sophisticated use of airpower in conjunction with the skills of specially trained commando units could serve as an adequate tactical response. Allowing greater freedom of action to the IDF in Lebanon is also desirable.

BUT maybe we are concentrating our energies on the wrong war. Does the IDF have to engage a few hundred Hizbullah fighters in a guerrilla war? After all, in contrast to most guerrilla campaigns, south Lebanon has a clear strategic address — Syria. Damascus airport serves as the link between Hizbullah and Iran, its backer. This is where military equipment designated for Hizbullah is unloaded and taken into Lebanon.

Conveniently, Syria also controls Lebanon. Assad opposes the Iranian plan for a direct Teheran-Beirut flight precisely because he wants to continue being the final arbiter for what Hizbullah does and how it operates. Bleeding Israel, for Assad, has so far been a cost-free enterprise as Israel's desire to reach a peace treaty with Syria has led to unnecessary restraint.

This reluctance to punish Assad for his mischief must end, because

it is morally repugnant and strategically faulty. Israel has ways to communicate to Assad that it finds Syria's assistance to Hizbullah intolerable. A few Israeli precision air strikes against Syrian military targets in Lebanon could signal that Israel is serious about its intention to defend its citizens.

Assad respects military power and the determination to use it. Such actions could even have a moderating influence on his behavior and bring Assad back to the negotiating table. Assad came to Madrid out of fear of the formidable Bush-Baker team (who defeated Saddam Hussein), but procrastinated even when Rabin offered him all of the Golan Heights because he faced an anemic Clinton-Christopher duo.

Israeli military actions always carry the danger of escalation. In the Syrian case, Assad is a very cautious leader. Moreover, in the present international constellation, Assad has more to fear in a military encounter with Israel than vice versa.

In the Middle East, fighting for your interests is the sole way to prevent abuse from others. Weakness only invites aggression.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BETTER POLICE

Sir, — Kudos to Uriel Lynn for his insightful article "For a better police force" (October 30). As an ex-police officer in California, I agree with Lynn when he says "this vital organization has a serious problem in its ability to free itself from its own traditional way of operating."

Being an ex-paratrooper, as many of our top police officers are, may be an asset or it may not, depending on the individual's psychological profile. From past experience, I know some ex-ser-

vicemen should not be allowed to carry firearms.

Are Israeli police officers put through a six-month police academy to learn the basic fundamentals of police work? By that I mean not only learning the laws on the book, but more importantly, how to deal with the public. I have seen police officers here in shouting matches with traffic offenders after issuing them a certificate. This is unacceptable. The police officer should always be in control of himself and the situation when he is enforcing the law.

The best way to fight crime is high visibility of police officers on the streets, on foot and in cars. The practice of police vehicles driving around with blue lights flashing day and night is incomprehensible to me.

The job of the police is to serve and protect, not to tell lawbreakers they are coming. It's better to catch the thief trying to steal the car than trying to get it back once it's been stolen.

STAN R. HAYES
Upper Nazareth.

ELOQUENT ARTICLE

Sir, — I would like to commend Stewart Weiss for his eloquent article "We have much more in common than we think." (October 17). Given the turmoil on the question of conversion and the increasing hostility between the Reform/Conservatives and the Orthodox, an article of this nature is a welcome breath that should be read by all.

The article makes perfectly clear the distinction between Jews in Israel and Jews in the Diaspora.

With less and less knowledge and observance of Judaism in the Diaspora, one has to wonder — what will be the future of Judaism outside Israel and inside Israel if the Reform/Conservatives succeed in diluting Jewish customs, observances and Halacha.

My feelings has always been that the further Jews go away from Judaism, the further they keep going. I also wonder whether the haredim are more a thorn in the side of the non-observant, remind-

ing them how much they have strayed from "traditional" Judaism.

I think Meimad has the right idea. Accept Reform/Conservatives as Jews but retain Halacha as the basis of Judaism. They have a place in Judaism but should not dictate the rules of the game as they attempt to dilute what Judaism has stood for for 3,500 years.

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On November 10, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that five young Jews, all recent immigrants and members of Gordonia: Yitzhak Migdal, Moshe Baumgarten, Joshua Fuchowsky, Arieh Mordeovich, and Aaron Oleschovsky, were murdered at Banal Urs Hill in the Judean Mountains, near Kiryat Anavim (the site of today's Kibbutz Ma'aleh Habamisha, "The Hill of the Five"). Each body had been hit several times by bullets.

A resolution demanding the strengthening of the forces of security by the formation of Jewish defence units was unanimously adopted at the 36th Council of the Jewish Labor Federation after the news of the murder had been announced. Dogs picked up a trail which led from the scene of the murder to Yalu village where a number of arrests were made. The victims were later buried at Kiryat Anavim.

50 years ago: On November

10, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported from Lake Success that the problem whether Jerusalem should be divided was the subject of debate by the Partition Subcommittee of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Palestine. Debate on other boundaries between the Jewish and Arab States was adjourned to enable the delegates to study the British comments which were submitted only a day earlier.

A two-thirds majority for the Palestine Partition plan depended on the outcome of the current negotiations with Great Britain, said Gershon Agronsky (Agron), the founder and editor of *The Palestine Post*, at a meeting of the Jerusalem Journalists' Association. He had returned from Lake Success the previous week. Paying tribute to the Jewish Agency, headed by Moshe Shertok (Sharett), Agronsky said they had presented the Jewish case with skill, knowledge and devotion. No questions had been left unanswered.

Alexander Zvielli

Having been in a wheelchair since I was 22, I have become a connoisseur of ramps. I have, my readers may have noticed, opinions on everything. But this — access — I know. I know what works and I know what doesn't.

I know, for example, that retrofitting to make a building wheelchair accessible is hard and often very expensive. In fact, so expensive that no owner of, say, a modest second-story restaurant should have to bankrupt himself building an elevator.

The Americans With Disabilities Act has the good sense to require only "readily achievable" retrofits. It is unreasonable to ask that every establishment be accessible. Some places — why, some of my friends' homes — are simply out of reach. It is a fact of life.

Big deal. Some people have allergies to places and things, and they don't make a federal case of it. But then there are places that can be reasonably adapted and are not. The problem here is often not recalcitrance but a simple lack of imagination. There are two basic ways to stately bridge an elevation: ramps and lifts. Lifts, which are becoming ubiquitous in theaters and other public places, are almost always the wrong choice.

They are chosen because they are easy. You buy it off the rack

and call in a contractor. He bolts it into place, gives you the key and there you are. For the user, however, lifts are a horror.

One of the newest movie theaters in Washington, for example, needlessly bridges a five-step drop with one of these contraptions. (A ramp was easily doable.) You've seen them. They are essentially a cage, like the pen from which the bull is released at the rodeo. You go in one end, they slam the door behind you, send you on your agonizingly slow and loud ascent (the machine runs on a massive metal screw) — and a spectacle it is — you are released out the other end.

What's wrong with this picture? First, the indignity. The most embarrassing visual of Bill Clinton's entire presidency was the picture of him in Helsinki being lowered from his plane in a Finair food cart. (His knee injury had landed him in a wheelchair.) There is nothing more mortifying than being hauled around like freight.

Second, lifts are almost always unnecessary. Nearly every architectural space that is bridged by a lift can be bridged by a ramp. (And Clinton should have been given a jetway.) No need to fiod

usher with the keys. No physical confinement. No interminable ride. No excruciating noise. Just silence and freedom.

There is a right way to design access for wheelchairs. It involves the imaginative use of ramps. And if you want to see such imagination on display, visit the brilliantly renovated Concert Hall at the Kennedy Center.

The Concert Hall was redesigned for two reasons: to improve the acoustics and to improve the access. My ear for music is untrained, but my eyes for accessible design is well-honed. I know elegance and subtlety when I see it, and I saw it at the Concert Hall.

Every possible elevation — to orchestra boxes, even the stage — is ramped, but given that the Concert Hall floor is one big inclined plane anyway, the effect appears perfectly natural. So natural, in fact, that on opening night, the ramps were as crowded with able-bodied patrons as were the stairs. (Full disclosure: I was asked to consult with the designers at an early stage in the renovation, but my contribution, apart from suggesting what might and might not work, was minuscule.) Subtlety is a function not of

money but of thought. You've seen those spaces in movie theaters where a seat or two has been torn out to make room for a wheelchair. The intention is good, but these spaces are perfectly useless. Most wheelchairs won't fit, and even if after endless maneuvering it finally does, you find yourself blocking the view of a half-dozen people behind you.

What did the Kennedy Center do? It removed a full row of orchestra seats and replaced them with identical-looking but movable chairs. Brilliant: serviceable for as many disabled and non-disabled as necessary. And — my favorite touch — the floor is ever so slightly depressed, so the folks sitting behind you don't spend the evening gazing at the back of a head with an obnoxious coming out one ear. For the disabled, the new Concert Hall is a marvel: You go in on your own, you go out on your own; no one to ask, no one to thank, nothing to do but, like everyone else, enjoy. For those in wheelchairs, having an every-one-else experience in a public building is a rare thing indeed. The Kennedy Center has created the model for how to make it happen.

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Politicians Even A Voter Could Love

By RICHARD L. BERKE

WASHINGTON
MAYOR PAT McCORRY of Charlotte, N.C., a Republican, is so revered that several big-name Democrats refused to take him on this year. That left him two walk-on opponents: a disciple of Lyndon LaRouche and a convicted bank robber given to sporting a pith helmet and a pair of bayonette sheaths. The Mayor practically walked to re-election Tuesday.

In St. Paul, where the Democrat-Farmer-Labor Party has long dominated, Mayor Norm Coleman switched to the Republican Party before this year's election. On Tuesday, despite his defection, Mayor Coleman won re-election easily. The next day, a draft committee announced that it would press the Mayor to run for Governor next year.

And in New York, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani has become so politically untouchable that on election night he was surrounded by more Democrats than his fellow Republicans. That did not stop the Republican Party in Iowa from inviting him the next day to travel to the state to show his stuff for the Presidential competition in 2000. (He declined.)

In an era when elected officials are hardly beloved, occupants of this country's city halls are the closest things to model politicians. As parties become less important and as Republicans and Democrats search for ways to set themselves apart, mayors are setting the course for post-ideological, pragmatic politics.

Last week's elections underscored the trend: No sitting mayor of a large city was turned out. Most won in landslides.

Beyond their popularity, what is striking about these mayors is that they represent different parties, come from different regions and preside over cities with different problems — yet they are remarkably similar: in a highly partisan era, none is especially partisan, and some are disliked by their own party establishments — which could be hazardous to bigger political ambitions.

"You probably wouldn't be able to distinguish who's a Democrat and who's a Republican — we're all managing in very much the same way," said Mayor Tom Murphy of Pittsburgh, who was re-elected Tuesday with 77 percent of the vote.

Mayors are forsaking party loyalty, and winning big.

"My slogan in the campaign was, 'He never forgets to pay the bill.' Sounds pretty Republican, doesn't it?" Mayor Murphy is a Democrat.

Mayor Giuliani, for one, favors abortion rights and has never been forgiven by prominent Republicans for backing Mario M. Cuomo, a Democrat, for re-election in the 1994 gubernatorial race. Mayor Richard Riordan of Los Angeles, a Republican, backed Senator Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, in her re-election bid that same year. Among the Democrats, Mayor Richard M. Daley of Chicago has

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Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani rising: A landslide on Tuesday, and on Wednesday an invitation to show his stuff in Iowa for the Presidential primaries.

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Dissents on Iran and Iraq

Carrots-for-China Policy Haunts U.S. in the Gulf

By CRAIG R. WHITNEY

PARIS
EACH in his own way, President Jiang Zemin of China and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq threw the spotlight last week on a central contradiction of the Clinton Administration's foreign policy — a policy most notable for its heavy emphasis on trade.

During Mr. Jiang's visit to the United States, President Clinton said China was "on the wrong side of history" on human rights, but he resisted threatening trade penalties as a way of prodding it toward democracy. With Iraq, in contrast, the Administration insists that a trade embargo and the threat of military force are the only way to force Saddam Hussein to observe the norms of civilized behavior.

After six years of going along with this approach on Iraq, some of America's allies in the United Nations are starting to argue that what's sauce for the Chinese goose is sauce for the Persian Gulf gander. If trade is the way to get China on the road to salutary behavior, France and Russia ask, why isn't it for Iraq and, for that matter, Iran as well?

"The Chinese case destroys the American pretension to universality on human rights," the well-known French daily *Le Monde* wrote in an editorial after Mr. Jiang's visit ended last week. "Are they less trampled on in Turkey or Saudi Arabia than in Iran or Cuba? The former are allies of America, which cajoles them; the latter are enemies it is bent on punishing."

As far as Iraq is concerned, French officials agree with the Americans that it's still too early to trust the Iraqi President. Last week, continuing a

long pattern of defiance, Mr. Hussein tried to exploit the split between the allies by barring Americans from United Nations inspection teams, which are trying to make sure that Iraq has no nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. While emissaries tried to reason with Mr. Hussein in Baghdad, there were signs that he was using the impasse to move evidence out of sight of monitoring devices.

Despite such cheek, the United States favors staying the diplomatic course for now, in part because it recognizes that support for its tough approach is flagging.

"We are prepared to go the extra mile diplomatically if that makes other countries take firm action, if necessary, later," said James Rubin, the State Department spokesman. "But it's true that it's harder and harder to sustain support as memories of the gulf war fade."

Leverage

Case in point: the French. While they still don't rule out the use of force, they nevertheless see the repeated pattern of Iraqi challenges and American-led military responses as a vicious cycle that leads nowhere over the long term. They say that since sanctions would have to be eased should Iraq eventually comply fully with disarmament orders, it's better to start talking about how to do that now rather than when compliance happens.

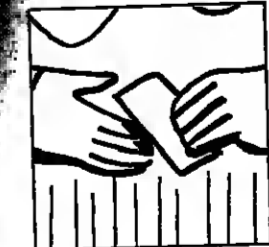
"The more hope we can give Saddam Hussein that trade sanctions might eventually be lifted, the more leverage we have in the long run," a French official said. "If we refuse, we create growing resentment in

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Money Buys a Lot More Than Access

By JILL ABRAMSON

WASHINGTON
Since Senator Fred Thompson pulled the plug on his committee's campaign-finance hearings, lawmakers have retreated comfortably to an old certainty: However obvious it may be that big donors buy access to power — over coffee at the White House, say — the purchase of favors is almost impossible to prove.

But if few tears were shed on either side of the aisle when Senator Thompson called off the hearings a little more than a week ago, it may have been precisely because they had turned up tantalizing evidence that money bought far more than face time with influential politicians, many of them on Capitol Hill.

"People have come to understand, and the hearings did emphasize, that money can buy access, but the transaction doesn't stop there," said Elizabeth Drew, author of "Whatever It Takes" (Viking Penguin, 1997), about the role of money in the 1996 elections.

"Access can lead to influence, which can lead to a policy result," Ms. Drew added. "This can be an amendment that is pushed, a regulatory ruling, a contract, or special attention from a Cabinet officer. Virtually all of this the public doesn't see and, frankly, unless someone is very indiscreet, it's hard to prove. People will say, of course, that they made the decision on the merits."

It seems almost comically obvious to most people that political contributions buy access. So does the fact

For many campaign contributors, a foot in the door is just the first step. Once they're inside, it's payback time.

that it sometimes buys far more. But the contention that contributions don't influence policy is an article of faith in official Washington, so evidence of favors traded for cash jolts the local conventional wisdom.

One case study unfolded on the final day of the hearings held by the Senate governmental affairs committee, which was investigating campaign finance abuses in the 1996 elections.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, the witness, was asked to explain this glaring scenario: A group of Indian tribes trying to kill a rival group's casino project hired a Democratic lobbyist, who approached President Clinton about the matter. The group also gave the Democratic Party \$270,000. A White House aide contacted the Interior Department about the casino proposal. According to the testimony of an Arizona lawyer who represented the casino's backers, Mr. Babbitt said in a meeting with him that the White House was pressuring him to make a decision. Mr. Babbitt also remarked upon the tribes' large donations, the lawyer said. That day, the Interior Department rejected the casino project, even though it had been approved by the department's regional office.

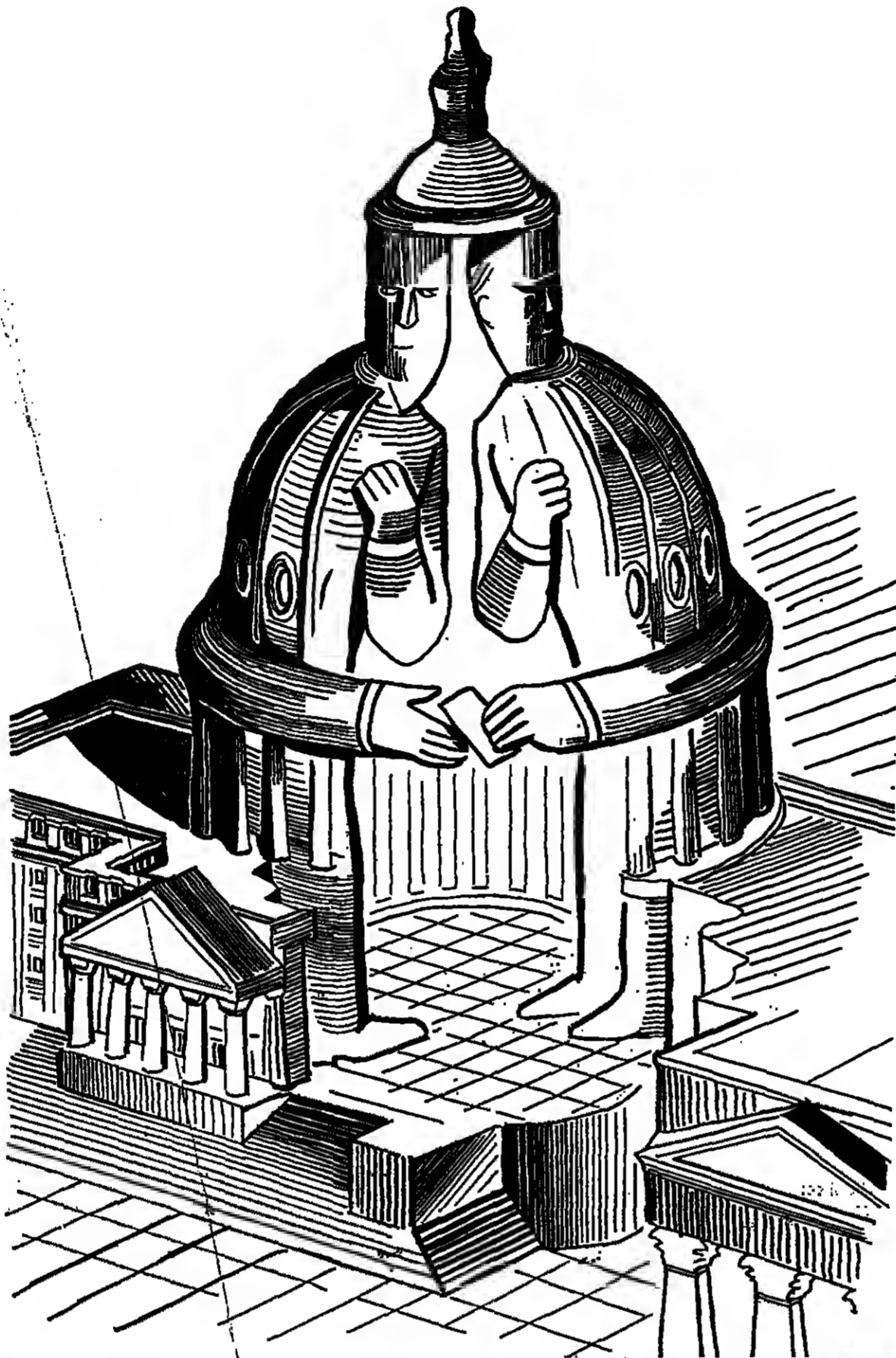
Mr. Babbitt told the committee he had not been pressured by the White House or influenced by campaign contributions. Senator Thompson and other Republicans on the panel called the case the clearest example it had heard of donations influencing policy. The truth of the matter was left blurred in a partisan standoff.

Some other cases looked at by the Thompson panel and other congressional investigators told similar stories:

• Molten Metal Technology Inc., a Massachusetts environmental-technology company, won \$32 million in Federal grants while urging its executives to contribute and raise \$132,000 for the Democrats and President Clinton's re-election effort. The company retained as its lobbyist a former top aide to Vice President Al Gore, who made an Earth Day speech at the company's headquarters. The lobbyist was also a top fundraiser for the Clinton-Gore campaign.

• Two Boston businessmen, Fred Seigel and Alan Leventhal, attended coffees with President Clinton at the same time they were negotiating with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a role in a program to make federally assisted housing more energy efficient. HUD officials canceled the new loan program after The Wall Street Journal reported that the two men were major Democratic National Committee fund-raisers and benefited from the program.

• Amway Corporation, which over the last four years has given \$3.9 million to the Republican National Committee, won a lucrative measure to ease interna-



David Sauer

tional tax rules on its Asian affiliates in the sweeping tax bill passed by Congress last summer. The measure was championed by the Republican congressional leadership. Democrats on the Thompson committee had considered calling Amway's chairman to testify, but dropped the plan.

In each of these cases, the companies and donors involved have said their contributions were not tied to winning specific favors from the government. Molten Metal's top executives, for example, pointed out that their contracts began during the Bush Administration and argued that the Energy Department supported their technology on its own merits.

Bribery, Perhaps

And in political life it is almost impossible to disprove such explanations, let alone to show a quid pro quo. When the evidence is sufficient, of course, both contributor and recipient can be prosecuted for bribery, but the Justice Department hasn't brought such a charge involving campaign contributions since 1969.

In fact, about the only way to prove a quid pro quo is to have either the donor or the recipient confess. This almost happened in the case of former Senator Robert Packwood, who was forced to resign amid allegations of sexual harassment. Before his departure, Senator Packwood fought hard and lost a battle with the Senate

ethics committee to preserve the confidentiality of a diary he kept.

Among other things, the diary revealed that Senator Packwood had helped win a tax benefit for a lobbyist for Shell Oil Company while the lobbyist was raising funds for his campaign. Mr. Packwood's candor about the relationship between the donations and his actions shocked Washington, though mostly because it seemed so foolhardy to immortalize them in writing. (Mr. Packwood is now a lobbyist himself.)

A few donors have been forthcoming enough. Roger Tamraz, the oilman, told the Thompson panel about giving \$300,000 to the Democratic Party to gain access to the White House in order to push for financing for an international pipeline project in which he was an investor. Still, Mr. Tamraz did not win any Government backing, although he got meetings with officials at the National Security Council and the Energy Department, as well as help from the former chairman of the D.N.C.

Sometimes a donor gets, in return for his efforts, a slap in the face. Mansoor Ijaz, a New York businessman, raised more than \$500,000 for the Democratic cause and met with senior officials in the White House, the State Department and Congress to push for normalizing ties with Sudan, where Mr. Ijaz has business interests. Last week, the State Department announced stiffer sanctions against Sudan for sponsoring international terrorism.

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been seen by some in his party as championing an ethnic backlash. And Mayor Michael R. White of Cleveland, in an un-Democrat-like move, took on the teachers union and ridiculed Cleveland's teachers as "the inmates running the asylum."

Few are polished politicians. And despite their success on Election Day, many are not greatly admired personally. In Detroit, when people refer to "the Mayor," usually they still mean the irascible Coleman Young, not Dennis Archer, who succeeded him and was re-elected last week. Mayor Giuliani, according to polls, is more admired than he is liked. Mayor Daley is famously inarticulate. Mayor Riordan, by political standards, is almost a recluse.

Most of these mayors can point to a particular accomplishment in cities once deemed unmanageable. Mayor Giuliani touts the enormous decline in crime. Mayor Edward Rendell of Philadelphia took on his city's powerful public employee unions. And Mayor Daley took control of his city's schools.

The Whitman Lesson

A few years back, it was the governors — Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, John Engler of Michigan, Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin — who were the hot political properties, at least in the Republican Party. Three of the last four Presidents had been governors. Now, governors risk even being eclipsed by per-

Not long ago, governors were hot properties. Now they're being eclipsed.

haps less known politicians like Mayors Giuliani, Daley, Riordan, White, Archer and Thomas M. Menino of Boston (who ran unopposed). Mrs. Whitman, a Republican, was almost toppled last week not just by a political unknown but by a mayor, James E. McGreevey of Woodbridge, N.J.

The mayors should be grateful for the timing of the stewardships: in most cities, crime has dropped and economies have revived. "Six to eight years ago, cities were in dire shape, mayors were highly unpopular and the attitude was, 'We govern tough places, please feel sorry for us,'" Mayor Stephen Goldsmith of Indianapolis said. "This new group of mayors has a pragmatism that supersedes political differences."

Gov. George V. Voinovich of Ohio, a Republican who was Mayor of Cleveland, said showy mayors of the past are, for the most part, gone. "I used to kid that in New York City, you had to be an entertainer to be a successful mayor," he said. "But I think we reached a point in this country where people said, 'I don't care how you look, what your style is or how cute you are:

Doggone it! I want to feel safe on the street when go home at night.'"

Indeed, the ascendancy of hands-on, nonpartisan mayors marks a pronounced shift in urban politics. For years, cities were the province of Democratic machines and mayors would not dare toy with unions or social welfare programs.

Their managerial experience and ability to avoid partisanship may be an asset for Mayors who seek higher office. Yet the factors that make them so popular locally can be an obstacle for those with grander ambitions. Mayor Giuliani's cachet with Democrats (45 percent of Democrats who voted Tuesday supported the Mayor) would not serve him well, for example, in Republican Presidential primaries.

"There's a certain suspicion that comes from other municipalities around the state," said Mayor Archer of Detroit, who is mentioned as a candidate for Governor next year. "Sometimes people have a sense that a mayor coming from a large urban area would only have his or her city as a priority."

Senator Dirk Kempthorne of Idaho, a Republican who was Mayor of Boise, cited himself as evidence that there was hope for advancement. When he contemplated running for mayor, he said, "I was told by political experts it was a dead-end street."

Still, the record is not encouraging. Only three mayors have made it to the White House: Andrew Johnson of Greenville, Tenn., Grover Cleveland of Buffalo and, the closest thing to a modern politician to make the leap, Calvin Coolidge of Northampton, Mass.

Desperately Seeking the Next Susan B.

By ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON
CONGRESS is on the verge of replacing the much-maligned Susan B. Anthony dollar, but now the question is, with what?

The Anthony dollar has been a flop with the public ever since the coin was minted between 1979 and 1981, mainly because its size, silver color and ridged edge made the dollar feel too much like a quarter.

After languishing in currency oblivion, the coin's popularity picked up in 1994 after public transit systems began using the coins as tokens and the Postal Service installed 9,000 stamp-vending machines that accepted the dollars.

The United States Mint expects to distribute the last of the original supply of 857 million Anthony dollars by 2000, and lawmakers are lining up to give their two cents worth on a successor acceptable to the influential vending-machine industry.

The leading candidate is a gold-colored, smooth-rimmed coin that supporters say will be easy to distinguish from other change even though it will remain the size of a quarter. The idea is gaining momentum, and the House and Senate could approve the switch before lawmakers adjourn for the year in the next few days.

"Some might ask, why bother?" said Representative Michael N. Castle, a Delaware Republican who is sponsoring the House bill. "But if we don't keep currency

For the next \$1 coin, heads it's Margaret Chase Smith, tails it's Sojourner Truth.

that's appealing to the public, people will shift to electronic money or smart cards. There is nothing wrong in such a shift if people want it rather than having it forced upon them by poor planning."

With everything from gumball machines to parking meters costing more, supporters are casting the new dollar as the coin of choice for the 21st century. But other legislators grumble that any \$1 coin is a born loser. "A dollar coin, no matter what color it is, is too close in size to a quarter and I don't like the idea of juggling more coins around in my pockets," said Representative Thomas M. Davis 3d, a Republican of Virginia.

Over the years, the dollar coin has lost its luster in more ways than one. The Treasury Department minted the last true silver dollar for circulation in 1935, and the last dollar coin with any trace of silver in 1976. Nowadays, most coins are made of a copper-nickel alloy, as the new \$1 coin will probably be.

Time's a-Wastin'

The Treasury Department endorses the numismatic face lift and wants to get cracking. There is a 30-month supply of Anthony dollars left, coincidentally just the amount of time the Mint says it needs to redesign the \$1 coin, test new alloys and put the revamped dollar into circulation. If Congress does not act in time, the nation's coin law requires the Mint to make a whole new batch of the unpopular Anthony dollars, a prospect no one relishes.

The fight over coin politics has been going on for more than a decade. For years, the ink and paper industries have squared off against a coalition of mostly vending machine operators and transit agencies, which supports replacing the \$1 bill with a \$1 coin because coins are easier to deal with.

"Transportation authorities across this nation would love to substitute dollar coins for dollar bills," said Alfred A. Outlaw, director of revenue operations for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, the transit agency in Philadelphia.

Opponents of paper dollars say the \$1 coin doesn't stand a chance until the \$1 bill is retired, a move taken by Canada when it successfully introduced its gold-colored \$1 coin a decade ago. "No matter how beautiful this coin will be, it will not circulate in large numbers," predicted James C. Benfield, executive director of the Coin Coalition, a group of 29 trade groups ranging from the Public Telephone Council to the American Council of the Blind.

For now, though, the future of the \$1 bill is safe.

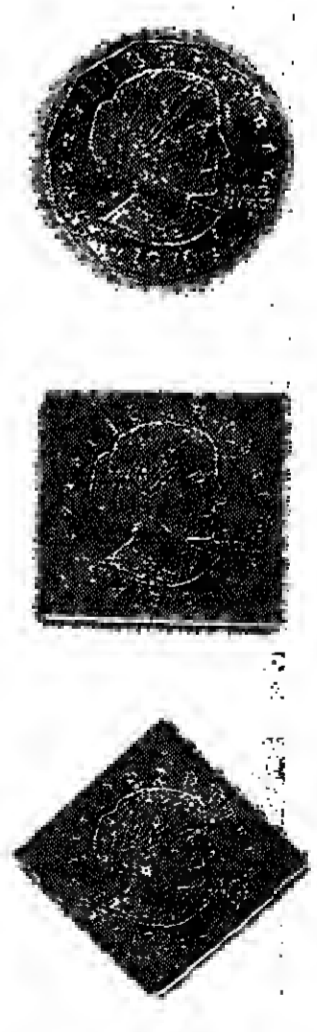
The last big issue is deciding whose image goes on the new \$1 coin.

Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato of New York, the head of the Banking Committee, which has jurisdiction over currency, has joined Mr. Castle in championing the Statue of Liberty on one side. "It would represent a powerful and wonderful tribute to freedom and to the women of America," said Mr. D'Amato.

But a group of Senators wants a dollar coin that depicts a woman or women of historical significance. "We need to have a real woman, not a statue," said Senator Barbara Boxer, a California Democrat.

Some of the women in the running include Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine and four suffragettes: Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott and even Susan B. Anthony. An American eagle will probably appear on the reverse side.

Congress seems willing to let the Treasury Department sort out the choices. "If Treasury wants something else, fine," said Representative Castle. "The more important thing is to get the coin out."



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Publisher as Impresario

By ROBIN POGREBIN

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Mr. Giuliani's Next Term

New York City's Mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, sounded some worthy themes for the future during this fall's campaign. Now that the election is over, he needs to broaden his agenda.

So far, the Mayor has talked mainly about the next battle — against narcotics dealers, the Port Authority or the State Legislature. Mr. Giuliani is always happiest when he is wearing the white hat in a political shootout. But if he wants to be remembered as a great Mayor, the crime-fighter must also become a builder, concentrating in his second term on the physical state of the city. The long-neglected shoreline along Manhattan's West Side must be preserved for public use by getting construction of the Hudson River Park on a fast track and beginning an effort to recapture the waterfront above 59th Street. Another critical opportunity lies in Brooklyn, where residents, regional planners and local politicians seem to be far ahead of the city and state in offering ideas for revitalizing the Brooklyn port, turning the Gowanus Expressway into an underground roadway and connecting the city to the national rail system with a freight tunnel.

The city has to continue school renovation and address the poor state of its bridges and roads. While building more, the city also needs to build better. Mr. Giuliani can focus his fighting powers on the School Construction Authority and the city and state transportation departments, demanding that they master the challenge of efficient construction.

On the administrative side, the Mayor's first priority should be increasing worker productivity. New York City will never again have the resources to support a massive work force that accepts low

pay in return for layers of union and civil service protections that make it almost impossible to fire workers or change their duties. The most important argument Ruth Messinger made in her mayoral campaign was that future labor negotiations must be aggressive in trading higher pay for more responsibility and efficiency. Mr. Giuliani, with the benefit of his huge lead, was able to ignore her critique of his administration's labor record. But he cannot dismiss the challenge.

One of the most important upcoming jobs will be coping with the federally required welfare reform. So far, Mr. Giuliani has been successful in whittling the rolls of people who were able to find other sources of support. He has been less adept at sewing together a safety net that provides minimal decent protection for those who simply fail to cope, particularly homeless women and children.

Mr. Giuliani should also improve his lobbying efforts in the State Legislature. For starters, the Mayor can aim his arguments precisely. There is no point in arguing, as he did at his open staff meeting last week, that there should be no state court reorganization unless the Mayor has the power to appoint the judges who will sit in Housing Court. Mr. Giuliani is rightly offended by political influence on judicial selection, but his demand is a poison pill that would doom a much-needed reform of the state's judicial system.

Finally, this page suggests that the Mayor take a vacation. Everyone benefits from the fresh perspective a week or two away from the job provides, and there are no prizes being given out this year for the politician who sleeps the fewest hours.

Valuing the Ganz Collection

Tomorrow, Christie's will auction a remarkable group of modern artworks purchased over half a century by Victor and Sally Ganz. Victor Ganz died in 1987, and Sally Ganz died in January. For the past two weeks, the paintings and prints in the Ganz collection have hung against a white background at Christie's. Visitors and staff speak in normal voices there, without the hush audible in museums. The auctioneer's summons can be heard coming from a distant room — the naming of lots, the calling of prices. It is an age-old business, and it fits, for this moment at least, one way of valuing the work by Picasso, Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, Frank Stella and Eva Hesse that forms the core of the Ganz collection.

Obviously, no arrangement of the works at Christie's can replicate the way they were hung in the Ganz apartment at 10 Gracie Square. But it is important, while viewing these works, to imagine the very eye of the Ganzes themselves, the cohesive force behind this fraternity of artworks. How many times must Mr. or Mrs. Ganz have paused to look at Picasso's "Dream" or Mr. Johns's "White Numbers" or Mr. Stella's "Turkish Mamba" or Mr. Rauschenberg's "Rebus"? What must the very familiarity of their gaze have told them over time about these works? The Ganzes were studios in their love of art, diligently instructing themselves, devoting Saturdays to visiting exhibitions and gal-

eries. But they lived with the work in an unstudied manner. It seems to have formed the very spine of their life together and was obliged, therefore, to cohabit with all the other things that gave their lives meaning.

In America these days, it is almost impossible to talk about art of this importance without talking about money, first, and elitism, second. Picasso, Johns, Rauschenberg et al. — these are icons of high art in the 20th century. They can easily be made emblems of the gap between, say, the crowd that will assemble at the Ganz auction tomorrow night and the consumers of America's mass culture — except, of course, that the producers of America's mass culture will be among the few people who can afford to bid seriously for "The Dream" when it comes to the block.

But the Ganzes did not purchase these works as icons or as emblems, or as totems of wealth. Their education did not prepare them to own these works. Instead, the art itself was their education. They had a lifelong conversation with the paintings in their home, a conversation that also came to include the artists themselves. More than one commentator has noted that these are difficult works, edgy, challenging, severe. It is worth remembering something the Ganzes surely knew — that difficulty is one of the qualities that allow a work of art to keep its voice over time.

Editorial Notebook

A Fateful Miscalculation in Turkey

Why Generals Shouldn't Meddle In Civilian Political Affairs

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Since his election three years ago as Mayor of Saryer, a district of Istanbul bordering the Bosphorus and the Black Sea, Yusuf Tulum has tended to the parks, roads and sewage of some 400,000 constituents a good deal more effectively than the secular politicians who preceded him. Aside from the copy of the Koran resting atop his computer and a scarf-cloaked assistant who appeared briefly at the door during a recent visit, little about Mr. Tulum or his office suggested a fervor to remake Turkey into an Islamic fundamentalist state.

But in the skittish world of Turkish politics, Islamic politicians are considered threats to national stability. Their crime is membership in the Islamic party that briefly led the Turkish Government before the country's generals engineered its removal earlier this year. Not content with the decapitation of the Government, the generals now want to outlaw the party itself. Chances are they will soon succeed.

It does not take a long stay in Turkey to see how that would be a mistake. The surest way to galvanize and radicalize Turkey's relatively benign Islamic political movement is to ban the party that represents it and that collected more votes in the last parliamentary election than any secular party. Even though another Islamic party would likely be formed, it too would face extinction. The country and people I have seen over the last week seem at the brink of better times. Though inflation is running above 90 percent and unemployment is high, the economy is growing strongly and a middle class is developing. Fueled by the entrepreneurial energy of new businesses, small cities across Anatolia, the Asian part of Turkey, are booming. Istanbul, now the largest city in Europe, is overcrowded and choked with traffic but bursting with life and consumer goods.

All this could be undermined if the armed forces cannot control their compulsion to interfere in civilian affairs. Turkey is a military democracy, with all the contradictions that implies. Elections are fair, the press

is relatively free and the rule of law prevails to a point, as long as the generals permit. When they believe Turkey's national security or its secular traditions are threatened, either by Kurdish separatism in the south-east or by domestic Islamic politics, no freedom is safe.

Senior officers like to remind visitors that the military has always restored civilian rule after its coups, and that its motivation in replacing prime ministers is not to exercise power but to sustain the secular Western state established by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of the Turkish republic. That may be true, and Turkey, a nation of Muslims, need only look across the border to Iran to see a different model.

Yet my conversations with politicians, scholars, businessmen, journalists and soldiers leave a strong impression that the generals underestimate the common sense of their countrymen and the durability of Turkey's secular traditions. This society is not ready to embrace Islamic fundamentalism or toss aside its Western conventions.

There is a difference between political activism and political insurrection, although the army does not seem to recognize it. Many Turks, disaffected with their country's stale politics and political leaders, are looking for new leadership. The rising popularity of the mainstream Islamic political organization, the Welfare Party, came in part from the Islamic faithful, but the party also drew support from Turks looking for an alternative to the established order in Ankara.

Welfare's Prime Minister, Necmettin Erbakan, alarmed the army by proposing to build new mosques in traditionally secular neighborhoods and to lift a ban on the wearing of head scarves in Government offices. It was not a smart strategy in a secular society, but it was hardly a mortal threat to the republic.

Instead of trying to throttle the Welfare Party, the generals ought to see it as an outlet for legitimate concerns that will only intensify if suppressed. The party and the army actually share a contempt for Turkey's long-standing civilian leaders. If the generals looked beyond their visceral hostility, they might see that Yusuf Tulum and many of his colleagues want to build a more prosperous Turkey and a more efficient government, not a fundamentalist state. PHILIP TAUBMAN

Slower Population Growth Won't Last Forever

To the Editor:

In "How to Fix a Crowded World: Add People" (Week in Review, Nov. 2), you rightly point to recent rapid fertility declines as the key cause of slower population growth. However, you overstate the implications of declining fertility for future population growth.

First, population growth does not stop as soon as fertility drops to the "replacement level" of 2.1 births per woman. Large new generations entering the childbearing years will insure that growth continues for decades.

This is mainly why the United Nations projects that world population will reach 9.4 billion by 2050 and nearly 11 billion eventually.

Second, the indicator you use to measure fertility does not accurately reflect the actual childbearing experiences of individual women. For example, in France women are bearing 2.1 children on average, but this is not evident in the measured total fertility rate, which has been well below replacement since the mid-1970's.

This discrepancy is due to a delay in childbearing to older ages. Once women stop deferring births, the very low fertility rates observed in the developed world will rise closer to the two children most couples want, and large population declines will become unlikely.

JOHN BONGAARTS
V.P., Policy Research Division
Population Council
New York, Nov. 3, 1997

Literacy and Fertility

To the Editor:

I share the conviction of John P. Comings (letter Nov. 4) that education is one of the most powerful ways of changing and improving our world. But his statement that "the strongest, most consistent predictor of fertility is the educational level of women" does not hold up to empirical analysis.

Education and family size are correlated in countries with poor access to family planning (like the Philippines), but where people have unobstructed access to means to control their family (like Thailand), educational differences in contraceptive use practically disappear. Education

helps people jump over the hurdles society often places between them and birth-control technologies.

By lowering family size in countries with high illiteracy (as is happening in Bangladesh), good family planning can help improve the quality of education. MALCOLM POTTS
Berkeley, Calif., Nov. 4, 1997

The writer is a professor of population at the University of California.

U.S. Undermines Itself

To the Editor:

"House Threat to Family Planning" (editorial, Nov. 6) rightly criticizes proposed restrictions on international family planning money as harmful to women's health. But the legislation also contradicts United States foreign policy goals as well as international human rights treaties endorsed by the United States and more than 100 other countries.

This legislation would deny financing to any organization that provides, with its own money, abortion services abroad or that advocates for laws to make abortion safer. By doing so, it defies a tenet of United States foreign policy to encourage nongovernmental organizations, and women in particular, to participate freely in their societies as a way to foster democracy. The bill also contradicts international human rights norms that guarantee women the right to reproductive self-determination. JANET BENSBOOF
President, Center for Reproductive Law and Policy
New York, Nov. 6, 1997



Memory Therapy Is a Danger to Patients

To the Editor:

Re "Memory Therapy Leads to a Lawsuit and Big Settlement" (front page, Nov. 6): It is disquieting that Dr. Elizabeth S. Bowman, a psychiatry professor and former president of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, says that in dealing with recovered memories, therapists "with time are gaining more awareness that these memories sometimes are accurate and sometimes are not." The fact that they may not be accurate has been known for decades.

Dr. Bowman also states that some therapists "firmly believe that people forget trauma." Simply put: Belief does not equal fact. The evidence for that belief is lacking, and as the settlement in the lawsuit suggests, using recovered-memory therapies as a cornerstone for helping has the potential for enormous harm.

One hopes the professional organizations will attend to monitoring the practices of their constituents with at least the same vigor that they lobby for insurance parity between mental health and other medical services. ALLEN FELD
Director, Continuing Education
False Memory Syndrome Fdn.
Philadelphia, Nov. 6, 1997

To the Editor:

The recovery of repressed traumatic memories that, left unresolved, make people unhappy and impede their progress, is one of the most priceless gifts of psychotherapy (front page, Nov. 6). The reprehensible examples of patient manipulation and memory fabrication you reported result from insurance companies assigning most psychological services to cost-efficient medical doctors, pharmacologists and para-professionals whose hurried approaches to the intricate nature of repressed memory are comparable to performing brain surgery with a monkey wrench.

The malpractice cases you reported should not result in broad denial of the existence of repressed memories, but a re-examination of which professional is best qualified to make that determination on a case-by-case basis. DANIEL COBEN
Somerset, N.J., Nov. 6, 1997

Jordan's Fragile Vote

To the Editor:

Re "Moderates Gain in Jordanian Parliament" (news article, Nov. 6): Voters were confronted not only with a boycott of the elections — which was supported by eight secular political parties, not just Islamists — but also with increasing restrictions on freedom of expression and assembly. Not surprisingly, these restrictions topped the list of the boycotters' grievances.

Foremost among the grievances were the draconian amendments to the press law, enacted in May. This law led to the suspension of 13 newspapers weeks before the elections and forced journalists to follow a stricter self-censorship to avoid heavy financial penalties. Article 185 of the penal code, which makes it a criminal offense to insult the dignity of King Hussein, has also been used to prosecute and imprison critics.

In such a climate of mounting state restrictions on basic freedoms, can one still speak of free and fair elections? HANNY MEGALLY
Executive Director
Human Rights Watch-Middle East
New York, Nov. 6, 1997

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Au Pairs Aren't Nannies, and Many Are Better

To the Editor:

The thrust of Penelope Leach's argument against au pairs is childcare providers (Op-Ed, Nov. 5) seems to be, "You get what you pay for." The picture she paints is insulting to the hundreds of responsible au pairs and to the parents who she implies have made a strictly financial decision.

Ms. Leach speaks of the stress that comes with taking care of babies and toddlers alone all day. She's right; I've done it, and I would have been better off if I had had the social support that our au pairs have enjoyed; an experienced community counselor, a ready-made group of friends with whom to commiserate and occasional evenings out that relieve some of the pressure of caring for a child all day.

Taking care of children is exhausting, and 20-year-olds have energywe 40-plus parents — and traditional 40-plus nannies — can only reminisce about. SUSAN KORONIS GIFFORD
Montclair, N.J., Nov. 5, 1997

To the Editor:

Penelope Leach (Op-Ed, Nov. 5) has publicized the message I have been expounding since 1986. Au pairs are not nannies and are not trained or qualified to be left in sole charge of infants and young children.

The visa issued to au pairs between the ages of 18 and 26 is for them to live as a member of an American family and enjoy a year learning about life in this country. The visa is not issued as a permit for them to be rearing the host's infants and toddlers while also doing housework for about \$135 a week. This Government program, which sponsors 10,000 visitors a year, has become a cheap labor source and should be ended. SHEILAGH ROTH
Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1997

The writer is executive director of English Nanny and Governess School.

Inflation Story, Retold

To the Editor:

The Boskin Commission, on which Prof. Robert Gordon served, maintained that official figures overstated inflation by about 2 percent a year. But according to the chart accompanying your Nov. 6 Economic Scene column, he now calculates, having deducted from the price indexes components that fell in price, that inflation is 1 percent higher than the official estimate and rising. How are people to make up their minds?

It all depends on your point of view. If you want to save public expenditure by cutting pensions, you should believe the first story. If you want to preserve the fiction that there is a 6 percent natural rate of unemployment below which inflation will accelerate, requiring that monetary policy be tightened, you should go for the second. If you want to do both these things, you could have a shot at believing both stories simultaneously. WYNNE GOOLEY
Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., Nov. 6, 1997

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Trusting A Stranger

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. Louise Woodward is the 19-year-old au pair from Britain convicted of second-degree murder by a jury and sentenced to life in prison for murdering a baby in her care. The trial judge, who can affirm or reduce the charge, or order a retrial, promises to finish his review of her case early this week.

I am not one of those jury junkies who wallow in the early-morning interviews of lawyers debating the Trial of the Month. But the Woodward case cuts many ways:

Was the defendant guilty? That should no longer be in dispute: an impartial jury of 12 good people and true has decided the answer is yes. The finality of a jury's decision about the facts is the bedrock of criminal justice, and we overturn it at great peril.

What recourse is there when defense lawyers err? A judge may reduce a criminal charge, or order a retrial or even the release of a defendant mistakenly found guilty. Such re-examination goes one way, against the prosecution: A judge cannot increase a charge or retry an acquittal, because that would unconstitutionally place the defendant in double jeopardy.

What explains the overwhelming public reaction against the draconian sentence? Millions who watched the trial on TV could consider themselves as informed as jurors, and probably would have compromised on manslaughter. Many more millions of working parents — who must leave their children in the care of inexperienced young people — want to believe they are not taking a chance on hiring potential abusers. Accidents happen; negligence occurs; but the risk of murder?

The issue wrenches the psyche of families. As families get smaller, single-parented and un-grandparented, we realize that even strange relatives can be better than relative strangers.

Will the overwhelming public reaction against the life sentence affect the judge?

Unlike the prosecutor, he's not

Facets of the au pair case.

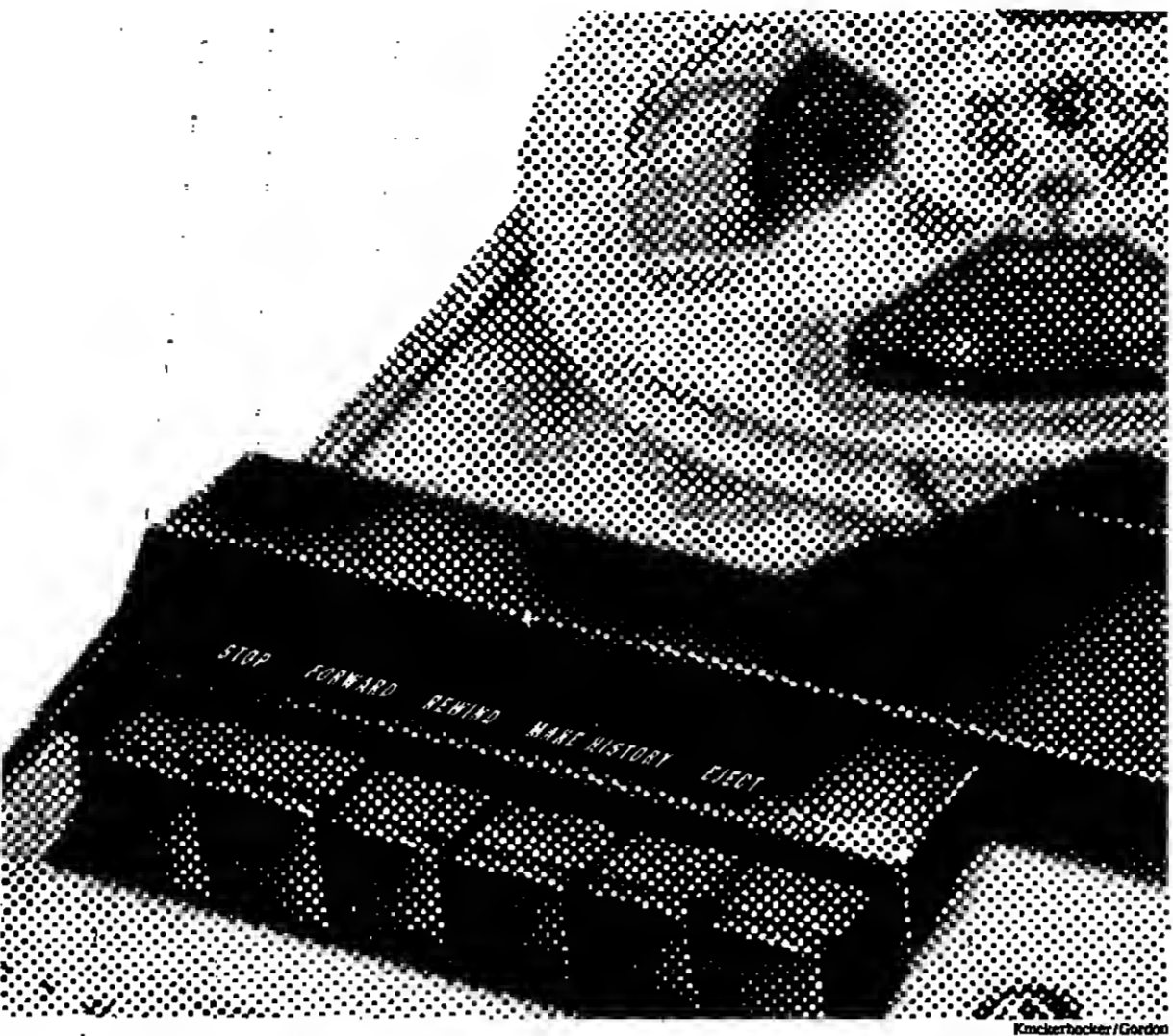
running for anything. Massachusetts judges have tenure to insulate them from the heat of public opinion. The protests may be cathartic and the media coverage profitable, but judges are appointed for life (until age 70) to do justice without regard to public reaction or international relations.

But jurists are human; won't Judge Hiller Zobel consider the worldwide reaction? Apparently he has already: For the first time, a judge will hand down judgment first on the Internet (www.lawyersweekly.com). Andrew Glass, a columnist for Cox newspapers, sees this as a historic step toward news disintermediation: Instead of permitting only journalists to interpret and place in context — or perhaps distort or sensationalize — the decision, the jurist aims it over journalism's head to opinion-leading webbies. As use of the new technology increases, we may see many more of these end runs by news sources.

If another jury's verdict is seen to be mistaken, how will this affect criminal justice? Judges may be above the battle, but politicians are in it. The death penalty (never threatened in this case) was about to be approved by the Massachusetts House, but the au pair verdict caused it to be defeated. John Slattery, whose last-minute switch doomed the measure, said: "I ask people who call me in support of the death penalty what they think about this case. And they all say, 'Yeah, that gives me some cause for concern.' Mistakes can be made."

And what other effect will the au pair case have on public policy? The White House, which expected CNN live coverage of its Washington conference on child care, was at first upset at being pre-empted by the trial in Cambridge. But now liberals led by Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts are seizing on the reaction to the Woodward verdict to propose billions in new Federal spending to subsidize child care, with standards set in Washington.

Big mistake. But the emotion churned up in a dramatic trial is a wave to be ridden by political exploiters.



In All Recorded History...

By Michael R. Beschloss

WASHINGTON I was hunched over a transcribing machine, my foot on the pedal, listening to the first of the tapes Lyndon Johnson secretly made of 10,000 of his private conversations. I knew that Johnson was the only President to tape himself from the start of his Presidency until the end. But before deciding to create a book based on the tapes, I wanted to make sure they did not simply show Johnson posturing for the microphone, but instead captured all facets of his daily private and public life — heroic and otherwise. Did they reveal moments that Johnson would rather not have us hear?

It did not take long to find out. A week into Johnson's Presidency, during a telephone call, his Texas business manager, Jesse Kellam, asked him: "Can't talk pretty freely on this line?" and went on to tell of accepting "envelopes" — presumably of political money — and of "taking care" of Johnson aides.

Two months later, Johnson, anxious about the scandal over his former Senate aide, Bobby Baker, exclaimed to advisers that if the Senate investigation widened, "I'm going to jail!"

Then there was the late-night telephone conversation with Abe Fortas, whom Johnson later appointed to the Supreme Court. Fortas boasted that he was out dancing with "a beautiful lady in red" who was not his wife.

"We're doing good," he said, "and I'm going to try to do bad before the evening's over."

Johnson had taped himself ordering F.B.I. material leaked to reporters on his enemies' crooked finances and "love life," as well as information that Barry Goldwater, his 1964 Republican opponent, had suffered two nervous breakdowns. "He's not a stable fellow at all," Johnson said.

The Johnson tapes, as well as the recordings made by Presidents John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon — both also published in books this fall — are important documents. At the same time, however, tapes raise troubling questions about the ethics of a President taping others in private without their knowledge and about the use of recordings for history.

Such tapes, if made of the full range of a President's life and daily doings, can show us dimensions of his actions and passions that would otherwise be lost forever. Not all are. Kennedy only started taping halfway through his Presidency. He tended in turn on his recorder only during great moments — the integration of the University of Mississippi, the Cuban missile crisis — but did not leave a similar record of the daily flow or underside of his Presidency (for example, his Administration's use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service against his enemies).

Tapes that more fully reflect a President's life do a singular job of revealing the true nature of his leadership and character. Listening to Johnson deal simultaneously with riots, potential scandal, a campaign and the Russians, Chinese and Cubans gives a new appreciation of the pressures of that Presidency and a fuller context for understanding his often-tormented decision-making, especially about Vietnam.

Nixon taped himself all day long, but only from 1971 until 1973 (when he was caught). Most of his recordings remain sealed. Those opened so far show us mainly his ugly Watergate crimes, not his broader foreign and domestic ambitions. Although Nixon's estate has fought to keep his tapes closed, his reputation would only benefit were tapes that show him engaged in something other than Watergate opened as fast as possible.

Not that even the most comprehen-

sive tapes could provide a perfect record of history. Even if every broom closet in the White House were continuously wired for sound, some conversations would inevitably be missed. And to gain full benefit from the tapes we have, like all historical documents, they must be explained by a historian steeped in the names, dates and issues of the times.

When Presidents tape their words, wise and otherwise.

There is also the question of believability. Critics point out that Presidents have postured for the hidden tape machine while others in the room were unaware that the conversation was being recorded. These are valid objections. Presidents do posture on tape, just as they do when their words are being captured by Oval Office note takers or in their own later memos.

In his tape-recorded meetings on the Cuban missile crisis, Kennedy concealed his brother Robert's back-channel bargaining with the Soviets. Playing to his own hidden microphone, Nixon tried to maneuver John Dean, his White House counsel, into taking the fall for Watergate.

When I heard Johnson on tape asking his old mentor, Senator Richard Russell, if Congress might "impeach" a President who would "run out" on Vietnam, I sensed that L.B.J. may have been trying to get Russell on the record in case the war should end in calamity, as it did.

But Johnson and Nixon, the two champion tapers, could not play-act their way through the thousands of conversations they recorded. No one bearing the crushing pressures of the Presidency in the turbulent 1960's and early 1970's would have been so vain as to pull his punches, thus reducing his effectiveness, merely to prettify his image for history. Besides, both Johnson and Nixon expected to control their tapes after they left office.

A thornier problem is the ethics of secret Presidential taping. Kennedy seems not to have given much thought to the matter. Johnson began taping both for historical purposes and for the same reason that President Eisenhower had taped a few of his conversations. He had privately said, "There are some guys I just don't trust in Washington, and I want to have myself protected so they can't later report that I said something else." (More than once, Eisenhower used his hidden recorder on Nixon.)

L.B.J. supposed that there was little difference between secret shorthand notes kept of his private conversations as a Senator and his secret taping as President. But in fact, he had crossed a Rubicon. A visitor whose private words had been noted in shorthand could always deny the accuracy of the notes. Not so with a secret tape recording.

Strange as it now seems, the President most sensitive to the ethical problems of taping was Nixon. After his election in 1968, when the outgoing L.B.J. privately urged him to tape himself, Nixon was repelled. He relented only years later, when aides told him his achievements as President must be preserved for posterity.

Today no sane adviser would recommend to any President that he tape people without their knowledge. We are now painfully sensitive to privacy issues and their legal ramifications. No President would want to face the outrage that greeted revelation of Nixon's secret tapings in 1973. A modern President knows, too, that he might be handed a subpoena, clearing the way

for his tapes to be published in every newspaper in the country.

And yet we are losing something of irreplaceable value. The materials of Presidential history are vanishing.

Presidents no longer write revealing letters as Lincoln and F.D.R. did. Memos are shredded or carefully hedged to withstand newspaper leaks. Diaries go unwritten or are kept unbound lest a special prosecutor find out. Computers are purged of compromising E-mail.

The result of this caution may prove Orwellian. If historians writing of Richard Nixon and Lyndon Johnson had to work only from sources that show the public face of their Presidencies, we might be forced to read about Richard Nixon as the President of law and order or about L.B.J. as a leader who was always self-controlled, who believed the lone gunman verdict of the Warren Commission and who never wavered in his confidence that the war in Vietnam, if it had to be fought, would be an exhilarating adventure.

In America

BOB HERBERT

Algerian Terror

In an interview at The New York Times, Zazi Sadou spoke through a translator about the nightmare in her homeland — the murderous rampages in the name of God, the violent attacks on teachers and students and artists and intellectuals, and especially the horrendous ways in which women have been targeted, how they are raped and maimed and casually killed, or kidnapped and forced into sexual servitude.

Ms. Sadou is a feminist and veteran journalist in Algeria, a country that for the past several years has been soaked in the blood of innocents sacrificed by religious and political zealots, assorted crazed criminals and maniacal believers in masculine supremacy.

An estimated 60,000 people, many of them women and children, have been killed in armed clashes and outright massacres since the military Government voided elections in 1992 that probably would have been won by militant Islamic fundamentalists. Prevented from attaining power by the ballot, the fundamentalists have attempted to seize it through terror.

"The violence has been so barbaric, so extensive, so extreme," said Ms. Sadou, "that it is taking the shape of genocide. These are crimes against humanity. And we need to hear, from everywhere, the firm condemnation of those who are responsible."

At least 98 people and perhaps as many as 300 were slaughtered in August when members of the Armed Islamic Group, equipped with shotguns, knives, swords and axes, invaded the village of Rais, which is just south of Algiers. Witnesses said the majority of the panicked victims were women and children. Many of the bodies were burned and some were decapitated. In some cases, the heads of victims were left on doorsteps.

The massacre was not an isolated occurrence. On Sept. 22 more than 400 people were slaughtered, again by members of the Armed Islamic Group, during an attack on the village of Bin Talha, which is also south of Algiers, in an area that has come to be known as the Triangle of Death.

Ms. Sadou noted that it is typical in such attacks for attractive young women and girls to be kidnapped for sexual purposes, and then killed later. When the attackers left Rais they took nearly three dozen women and girls with them. An unknown number were taken from Bin Talha.

"In these attacks you might have 100 or 150 terrorists and they would divide up the tasks," Ms. Sadou said.

"One group would do the killing, the beheading. Another would choose the most beautiful women to take with them. And a third group would be outside waiting for anybody who tried to flee the village."

The extreme oppression of women and girls — including widespread public humiliation, maiming and killing — has been a cornerstone of Islamist terror in Algeria for many years. Even before the aborted election, members of Islamic militias and other militant groups would torment and sometimes kill women who refused to

Crimes against women, and all humanity.

wear the traditional veil. Women perceived to be living in "immoral" circumstances were also subject to savage punishment. And there were several cases of girls whose skirts were considered too short having their legs burned with acid.

"Women are seen as devils," Ms. Sadou said. "We are the permanent enemies."

A recent A.P. story began: "Eight men who were apparently Muslim militants descended on a village school in Algeria over the weekend, shooting or slashing to death 11 female teachers and a male instructor who tried to stop the killings as students watched, witnesses said today."

The main political party of the Islamic militants is the Islamic Salvation Front (or F.I.S., its French acronym). It has been weakened in its struggle with the Government over the past five years and many analysts now see it as a moderating force.

But Ms. Sadou warned that the F.I.S. has long been inextricably entwined with the most murderous elements in Algeria (including the Armed Islamic Group), that it has not backed away from its profoundly destructive beliefs regarding women and girls and that it has never favored a democratic form of government.

The situation in Algeria needs to be seen for what it really is. The atrocities are, indeed, crimes against humanity — in other words, crimes against the whole world. It would behoove the rest of the world to pay closer attention.

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Ray Charles: A Master of All Styles



Ray Charles demonstrates all facets of his career in a new five-CD set.

THE SEARCH for identity, the author Ralph Ellison once said, is the American theme. In American culture, the question "Who are you?" often translates as "What group do you represent?"

But what is most authentically American in American culture is usually that which transgresses those lines. The greatest American artists are often those who make us think most deeply about the paradox and possibility involved in maintaining such an ambiguous national identity.

By such measure, and by a number of others, Ray Charles must be regarded as one of the most interesting and important American artists who has ever lived. No other American musician since World War II, or before it, for that matter, has performed with such artistic and commercial success in as many apparently disparate genres. He has played and sung rhythm-and-blues, soul, country, jazz, pop and rock; somehow he has found a way to be absolutely himself in each one.

All sides of his presence are illuminated in "Genius and Soul: The 50th Anniversary Collection," a new five-disk set that documents the dizzying sweep of Mr. Charles's recording career from its beginnings in 1949 through all the shifting musical terrain of the last five decades. In it one discovers, or rediscovers, a talent that cuts across all boundaries, a kind of epic poetry of the human heart.

Mr. Charles, who just turned 67, grew up in Depression-era Florida in extreme poverty and lost his sight at the age of 6. He came to music early, and by his midteens was playing

musical jobs all over Florida. With the end of World War II, however, and the ensuing prosperity, Mr. Charles decided to test the waters in a larger urban setting. In 1948 he headed, alone, to Seattle, commencing a life of restless relocation. While in Seattle, he made his first recordings for the tiny Swing Time label, one of the many small independent labels that sprouted up after the war to serve the hundreds of thousands of African-Americans who were flocking to the cities. Several of these early cuts are included on "Genius and Soul."

During the war, Americans from radically divergent backgrounds — white, black, rural, urban — were thrown together in many different contexts. The postwar period was one of mass re-evaluation of identity in the light of those social contrasts. In his own way, through his first five years of recording, Mr. Charles played out this re-evaluation, struggling to carve out some turf of his own from among the widely differing musical influences current at the time. These included not only jazz and blues but white pop music and what was still called hillbilly, which he heard on the weekly radio broadcasts of Nashville's Grand Ole Opry.

Mr. Charles's early recordings echoed the styles of the blues crooner Charles Brown and, especially, the singer and pianist Nat (King) Cole. Mr. Charles adopted a similar approach to theirs, mixing suave, blues-tinged ballads and rhythmic novelty tunes over tasty jazz piano fills. Unlike Cole, his idol, however, Mr. Charles kept one foot, and often both feet, deep in rhythm-and-blues, drawing influences from black performers like Louis Jordan, Big Maceo Merriweather, Smiley Lewis, Guitar Slim and the great blues poet Percy Mayfield, who later wrote some of Mr. Charles's biggest hits.

What Mr. Charles began to add to this mix, as his first signature style, were harmonies and forms borrowed from gospel music, using sacred techniques to achieve, ends usually seen as profane. In doing so he produced compositions like "Hallelujah I Love Her So" and "I've Got a Woman," which proved irresistible to black record buyers and widely influential to other singers and songwriters, both black and white.

If he had found a solid berth with a largely African-American audience, however, it did nothing to stem his desire to find room in his style for all

the music he liked. He turned out to be not merely a good interpreter of popular standard material but a great one. A series of albums in the 1960's, on which he sang songs like "Cry Me a River," "Hard Hearted Hannah," "Over the Rainbow" and "Georgia on My Mind" with big bands, string sections and choruses, earned him a wider, whiter popular market than that of any other soul singer of the time, with the possible exception of Sam Cooke.

This in itself was a remarkable achievement, yet what happened next was even more startling. Beginning with his 1959 version of Hank Snow's "I'm Movin' On," and continuing through a series of albums including the best-selling "Modern Sounds in Country and Western Music," up through a duet with Willie Nelson on the song "Seven Spanish Angels," which became a No. 1 country-and-western hit in 1984, Mr. Charles made periodic raids deep into the heart of Southern white soul music, otherwise known as country-and-western.

Ray Charles's affinity for, and success with, country music gave the music-industry term "crossover" a new meaning. By the 1960's the word had become used to white artists, most famously Elvis Presley, reinterpreting the work of African-American singers. But Ray Charles had "crossed over" in the other direction, without ceding a bit of his blues-based vocal inflections and tonality. Most surprisingly, his musical miscegenation was welcomed by country music's constituency, as if there were a secret desire for such common ground. It was welcomed by black audiences as well. His version of Don Gibson's "I Can't Stop Loving You" became a No. 1 pop hit for five weeks in 1962; it became a No. 1 rhythm-and-blues hit for 16 weeks.

jazz singer Betty Carter. And his big band of the 1960's was one of the best jazz big bands of the time.

"Genius and Soul" displays all these facets in grand style. It surveys the vast landscape of Mr. Charles's career without missing any landmarks and it uncovers some neglected gems in the process. Included are hits like "Unchain My Heart," "Hit the Road, Jack," "What'd I Say," "I Can't Stop Loving You" and so on, as well as a late tribute to Charles Brown on "Drifting Blues" and his roaring vocal from the soundtrack to the 1967 movie "In the Heat of the Night." The CD set also includes lesser-known singles like "I Don't Need No Doctor" and "Let's Go Get Stoned" and the late-1970's ballad masterpiece "How Long Has This Been Going On." That track alone offers a master class in dynamics, shading and drama; it is one of his greatest performances.

In celebration of Mr. Charles's 50th anniversary in show business, a number of his long-unavailable classic 1960's albums have also been re-released in their original forms, along with bonus tracks. "Sweet and Sour Tears," "The Genius Hits the Road," "Ingredients in a Recipe for Soul" and others feature his voice and piano with strings, voices, big bands and in nearly every other setting imaginable. In them, Mr. Charles runs the emotional gamut from nasty funk to country heart-break to pop crooning, and it all works.

Indeed, over the course of his career, Ray Charles has proved able to fit in comfortably just about anywhere, singing blues, Gertrude Stein ballads, Hank Williams country songs, Barry Manilow tear-jerkers or Coca-Cola commercials with apparently equal conviction. He has popped up on various occasions with Aretha Franklin, George Jones, Glen Campbell, the Muppets. It's a little unsettling. Can the same sensibility, the same soul, really endorse checks from all those spiritual accounts?

It is a reasonable question. Until that is, one comes within earshot of his voice, and then the question becomes meaningless. Subtle yet overpowering, infinitely nuanced yet raw, that voice acts as a kind of universal solvent on musical prejudices and categories. Mr. Charles is an eclectic from the inside out; absolutely African-American, absolutely individual, absolutely universal.

Acoustics: Science or Sorcery?

By JAMES R. OESTREICH

CONCERT-HALL acoustics, suddenly, are in the air. It happens every so often, usually for bad reasons. But not this time.

In the early 1980's, highly touted halls were opened in San Francisco and Toronto with disastrous results, causing many to wonder why the science of acoustics alone — or was it an art, or sorcery? — had regressed during a century of progress. Then, in 1986, Carnegie Hall, still a gem at 95, was renovated, and complaints immediately arose about a loss of warmth and toe-tling reverberance. Those complaints proved justified two years ago, when a deadening layer of concrete, rumored all along, was found under the stage.

New halls have been built since, most recently the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, and others renovated, most recently the 26-year-old Kennedy Center Concert Hall in Washington, with encouraging results. (And what was discovered under the stage floor at the Kennedy Center but concrete!) Still, never again, you could bet, would anyone risk tampering with an acoustical treasure like, say, Symphony Hall in Boston.

Wrong. The Boston Symphony Orchestra has just installed permanent risers on the stage of the 97-year-old hall, altering the acoustics slightly, and it still faces the need for structural renovations, with further inevitable effects. For that matter, an acoustical bug seems to have bitten all of the American Big Five, orchestras traditionally lumped together because of their storied pasts.

The Chicago Symphony last month reopened the 93-year-old Orchestra Hall, which had been thoroughly reconstructed as part of a \$110 million Symphony Center. The Cleveland Orchestra plans to remove the acoustical shell the conductor George Szell had installed in Severance Hall in 1958, and restore the original E. M. Skinner organ, one of the largest and most acclaimed concert-hall instruments, to the 66-year-old auditorium. The Philadelphia Orchestra is renovating the 140-year-old Academy of

Music, partly in search of a decent acoustic, even as it continues to raise money toward the ever-receding prospect of a new, acoustically correct hall.

And the New York Philharmonic? Ah, yes, Avery Fisher, originally Philharmonic Hall, for which the orchestra left Carnegie in 1962 to face years of acoustical nightmares. Kurt Masur, the orchestra's music director, having initiated substantial improvements in the sound of that look of the hall, still nourishes a dream of installing a new organ, which, he hopes, will further enhance the sound. "We've come to the conclusion that the organ will be built," he said recently.

Why all the activity? For one thing, the advent of the millennium has been seen by many as an occasion to spruce up generally and to catch up with the state of the acoustical art. In addition, orchestral players and music directors, with ever more experience in the world's finest halls, demand more in their own work environments. And listeners, increasingly accustomed to clear, wide-ranging sound in their living rooms, also expect more.

But more than anything, there seems to be a new sense of possibility. "There's a feeling of hope sweeping across the world," said Russell Johnson, the chairman of Artec Consultants, the firm involved in the construction of the new center in Newark, the latest alterations of the stage in Avery Fisher Hall and the planning for the new hall in Philadelphia.

"Over much of the last 40 years, there were a tremendous number of new halls opened that were thought of as disasters or really dreadful acoustically," Mr. Johnson added. "And symphony conductors and administrators really bung back and said somewhere in the back of their minds: 'Why should we spend money upgrading the hall when nobody in the world seems to know how to do it, and the secrets were lost in 1895?' There wasn't much drive to build new buildings or to improve older buildings."

Notable successes of recent years, including Mr. Johnson's at new halls

in Dallas and in Birmingham, England, have changed that attitude. Many now feel that acoustics has finally (or once again) become a serious science — over the last two decades, in the opinion of Mr. Masur; especially over the last decade, in the opinion of Lawrence P. Goldman, who is the president of the Newark center and was the executive vice president for real-estate planning and development at Carnegie Hall during its renovation.

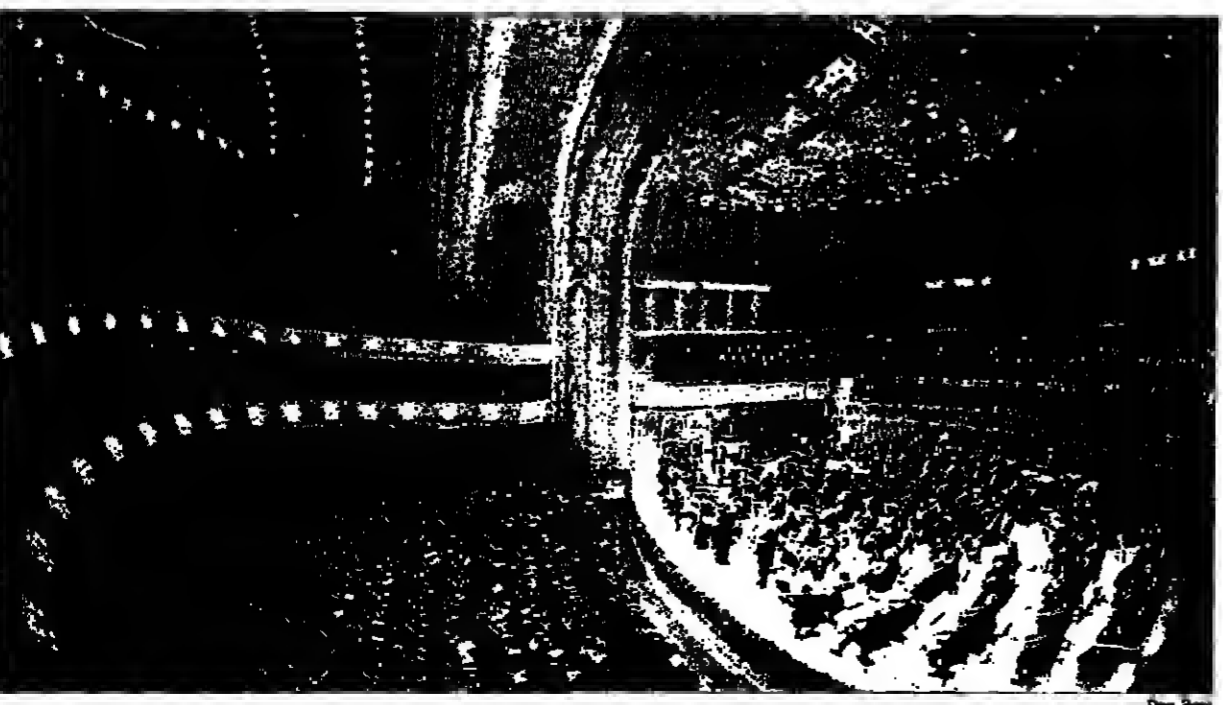
As to virtually every other subject involving acoustics, the practitioners hold varied opinions on the state of the science. "Let's think of it as the art of applying the science," said Christopher Jaffe, the president of Jaffe Holden Scarborough of Norwalk, Conn., the acoustical consultants in the Kennedy Center renovation and in the Severance Hall project. "And for 'art,' read 'experience.'"

The science, Mr. Jaffe argues, has been in place for some time, largely through the efforts of Leo L. Beranek, who has perhaps been unfairly maligned for his work as the original acoustician of Avery Fisher Hall.

"Leo got a bum rap," Mr. Jaffe said. "Everybody began to panic after a month. There were more political problems than acoustical ones, and the problems 10 years after the opening had nothing to do with him. 'Leo is the father of us all. He wrote the book, 'Music, Acoustics and Architecture,' in 1962, and today it is still kind of a bible.'"

Mr. Johnson prefers to think that the science of acoustics is still aborning. "Concert-hall design until two or three decades ago was a dysfunctional art," he said. "Now it is becoming an art which can create concert halls almost as good as the top-rank halls of Europe with low seat counts from before 1910. To be a science, it has to be written down and recorded in an objective, organized, scientific, engineering way. And that it is not yet."

A solid basis for the science will be provided over the next two or three decades, Mr. Johnson suggests, when the experience to be derived from the current wave of fine new halls is added to what is already known about the great halls of a century ago.



Strings fare better in the newly reconstructed Orchestra Hall in Chicago.

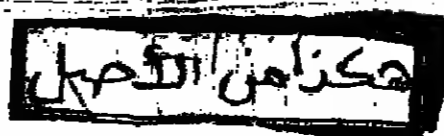
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The battle of the bereaved

Charles and Pauline Posner of England want to be able to visit the grave of their son Gidon, who died in February's IDF helicopter crash. Their struggle to win government support has highlighted the plight of bereaved parents; Amy Klein reports

Gidon Posner had already been living in England with his family for eight years when he decided to return to Israel and join the army. He was killed in the helicopter crash in the North last February along with 72 other soldiers. His parents, Charles and Pauline Posner, were flown in from England for the funeral and again for the *shloshim* — the 30 day period marking his death. His older brother Simon, who also served in the army a year before, still lives in Israel.

During that initial period following their son's death, many Israeli officials visited the Posners. "From the president down, people expressed how sorry they were and how they would do anything to help," said Charles Posner this week during a visit to Israel for a mobile unit dedication ceremony in honor of his son and the other soldiers. But when it came time to make good on those offers, the Posners found the Israeli government unable — or unwilling — to follow through. Their request to the Ministry of Defense to sponsor three trips to Israel a year to visit Gidon's grave was denied. Written responses from the rehabilitation department (the branch of the Defense Ministry which deals with bereaved parents) and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, referred to the regulations for bereaved parents, which provided, after the first *yahrzeit*, one flight to Israel every 10 years. "We cannot deviate from the rule. This is the law for all the bereaved parents who live outside of Israel," Mordechai wrote.

Media exposure of the Posner's plight brought in offers from various organizations to finance the family's flights and accommodations in Israel. But it didn't change the Ministry of Defense's position. The Posners gratefully declined the "charity. We want the state to pay for this. We are not asking for anything extra," says Posner, "but instead of getting what everyone else is getting and which we can't take advantage of, we'd like to visit our son's grave three times a year."

The 1950 law for bereaved parents gives parents special rights and privileges regarding the burial and care of their loved ones, and is supposed to "permit the families to function in all walks of life, personal, familial and social."

The law does not always live up to that — as is evident from the Posner's case as well as that of other parents of the helicopter victims. In denying the Posner's request, the Defense Ministry cited its rehabilitation department rules, which are based on the bereaved parents' law.

"The Posners wanted automatic approval for three flights a year and it just doesn't work that way,"

said a spokesperson from the ministry. "They need to apply to the committee for special cases, which can approve their request. They have to follow the procedures."

As it happens, the stipulation of only one flight every 10 years is not a law but rather a rule in the rehabilitation department's booklet written by the Defense Ministry.

"This rule should be changed," said MK Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet), who, after following the Posner story on the radio, wrote a memo to the Defense Minister. "Once every 10 years is something that the Ministry of Defense probably thought was reasonable, otherwise they'd have someone coming this year, their sister and grandmother the next, demanding flights. In any case, we have to change the current procedures." Zandberg estimates that "it will

take some time to resolve this illogical thing."

The fear "that hundreds of people will be coming to us and demanding flights" if the once-every-10-year rule is changed, begs Charles Posner's main question: "Why should we have to apply to a special committee for outstanding requests?" he asks. "There are others like us and this should be standard. People are receiving flights on an ad hoc basis. They should change the law."

Even when someone does follow standard procedures, it barely makes a difference. Just ask Sammy Wechselbaum, in Israel this week — at his own expense — for the fifth *yahrzeit* anniversary of his son Eran, who was killed in the *Tse'elim B* accident on November 5, 1992. The Wechselbaums, unlike the Posners, are native Israelis. They

went to America 15 years ago. After Eran graduated from New York University at Stony Brook with a double major in math and physics, he came to Israel and joined the *sayeret malkal* — the General Staff Reconnaissance Unit. After his death, the government flew his parents here for the *shiva*, the *shloshim* and Remembrance Day. "In the first couple of years, we came on average six or seven times a year. I applied for reimbursement for one trip per year," says Wechselbaum. They were compensated for trips of the second and third year. After that nothing.

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care of her house. He could not even get a housekeeper once a week for her. The defense minister wrote that he cannot change the rules. Dahan says that the Posners are in "a terrible situation," with little emotional support and insufficient funding to cover the cost of their flights to Israel. "We are so isolated," said Pauline Posner before she went back to England, leaving her husband and son to go to the Friday and Saturday "retreat" for the parents of the 10-man "Orev" unit in which Gidon served. "I am torn. I don't know where to be. But I can't take off that much. I am on vacation without pay and I can't just walk out, and I can't take

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The Posners at the Western Wall last week. Who should pay to enable them to visit their son's grave? (Isaac Harari)

The families of 73

A stormy meeting in October in the Druze village of Beit Jann brought the families of the 73 helicopter victims back into the headlines. They were attending a private ceremony to dedicate a monument to one of the victims when a verbal fight broke out. One of the fathers, Ya'acov Gofel, attacked the government and the army for sweeping the issue of negligence under the rug. Others shouted their disapproval. But that meeting was not indicative of the relationship between the families and their problems with the government, says Eli Dahan, representative of the families.

The outbreak was caused by one of the few families who want to go about getting what we need in a different way," says Dahan. "What the families want from the government, as a group, is to change the wording on the official monument to their sons. Instead of 'fell in the line of duty' at the helicopter accident, they would like it to read 'fell in the helicopter tragedy on their way to a military action in Lebanon.'"

The official monument says "Dahan's access to Moshe, Sha'ar and Assaf, the sons of the crash. After the accident there was a bridge to give the parents access to the site at the mosque, so we could go there and visit our loved ones. But they took the bridge away, after a year." Dahan says the government hasn't even acknowledged the parents' customary request regarding the wording on the monument and the bridge. "The Minister of Defense just said that it can't be changed," Dahan says. "The minister has no problems with his rights as a victim of the Defense Ministry, although he represents families who do. Aliza, Eran's mother, whose son Eran also died in the crash, says, 'On the whole, they are generally OK. We wanted to change the wording on our monument to say 'brother of Segov and Chana,' but we can't deal with [going through all the channels]. One day when it's easier, we won't involve the government and we'll do it ourselves.'"

The families meet once or twice a month to discuss their needs, and to talk to each other. Last week's dedication ceremony at the Western Wall of a mobile medical unit was a better example of their relationship than the meeting at Beit Jann, explains Dahan. "But there were no fights or outbreaks there, so the media didn't cover it." Amy Klein

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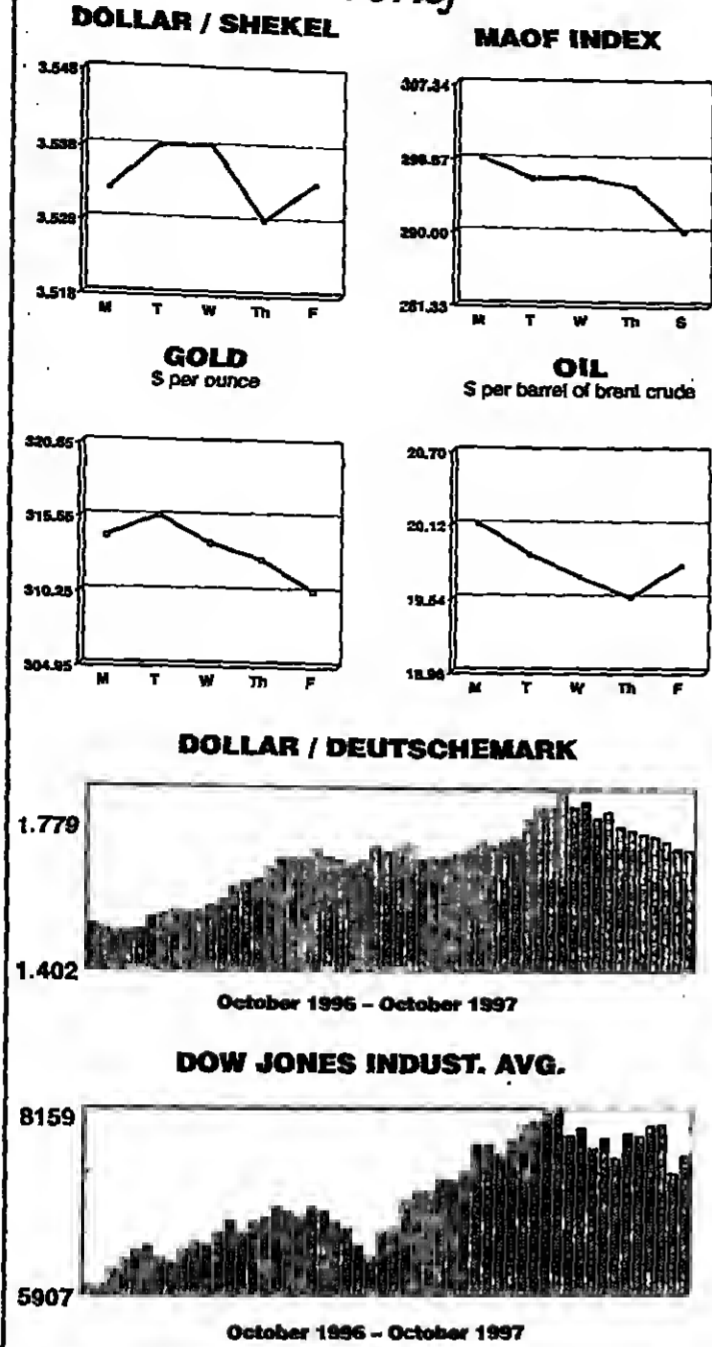
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Canada-Israel trade up 50%

Since Canada and Israel began implementing a free trade agreement in January, binational trade in the first eight months of the year jumped 50 percent to more than \$295 million. Canadian imports in the period totaled \$200m., while exports amounted to \$95.5m.

The free trade agreement's purpose is to substantially increase trade in both directions, and it seems to be doing that, said Canada's Ambassador to Israel David Berger, during a meeting to celebrate the launching of the Taste of Canada food fair at the Sheraton Hotel in Tel Aviv.

From January through August, Canadian exports of machinery, mechanical tools, textiles and paper grew substantially, while food exports leaped by 131%. The arrival of the President's Choice label has propelled this trend. The food brand makes up 10% of the Greenberg supermarket chain's sales, Berger said.

The ambassador said Canadian airplane manufacturer Bombardier is in negotiations to sell three or four Dash 8 planes to Arkia. The 78-seat planes are larger and quieter than their predecessor, the Dash 7.

A Canadian Embassy spokesperson also mentioned that David Azrieli, the developer behind the \$400m. Shalom Project in Tel Aviv, is thought to be planning his next investment, a \$100m. - \$200m. complex in an undisclosed location. Jennifer Friedlin

ESC, Laser Ind. merger to create medical-equipment world leader

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

ESC Medical, a Yokne'am-based developer of cosmetic medical devices, yesterday announced that it has signed an agreement to obtain Laser Industries of Tel Aviv through a share allocation.

The deal, which will take another four to five months to complete, will result in the world's largest medical and aesthetic laser company, said Mannie Olswang, CFO of Laser Industries.

"We saw this as an example of one and one making three," Olswang said. "The two companies together can create a better, more efficient company with more applications."

ESC makes light-based systems for non-

invasive treatment of cosmetic disorders, such as the treatment of varicose veins and hair removal.

Laser Industries' devices are used for aesthetic and surgical purposes, but the company's main focus is on medical applications.

Although the companies could not reveal the exact size of the deal before informing the Nasdaq Stock Exchange of their agreement - a procedure which is expected to take place today - ESC's corporate controller Ra'anun Yehieli said Laser Industries' stockholders will receive seven million shares in ESC.

In exchange, ESC will gain full control of Laser.

On Friday, ESC's shares closed at \$42.

Laser Industries closed with a market valuation of \$191.6 million.

"ESC will take charge of Laser Industries, but Laser Industries will continue to operate as usual," Yehieli said.

The deal reflects ESC's strategy of acquiring other companies in order to broaden its product line.

In March, ESC bought Luxar Corp., an American maker of surgical cosmetic lasers.

The company said it will continue to shop for other strategic purchases.

ESC will take over Laser Industries immediately, but "it will take time to integrate the functions" of the two companies, Yehieli said.

Following the announcement of the deal

today, the companies will still need to draw up a prospectus and get shareholder approval. The deal will also have to be brought to the courts here, since Israeli companies law does not account for share swaps, Olswang said.

ESC is one of the country's most celebrated high-tech companies. Since the beginning of the year its share price has jumped more than 60%.

ESC Medical's third quarter net income leaped to \$8.1m. from \$5.3m. the previous year. Revenues climbed to \$30m. from \$17.4m. in the same period last year.

Laser Industries reported third-quarter earnings of \$2.9m, a 26% rise from the same period last year. Sales increased 45% to \$21.2m.

Tadiran wins \$20m. IDF contract

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Tadiran Electronics Systems, a subsidiary of Tadiran, said yesterday it received a \$20 million contract to equip the IDF with electronic warfare systems.

Shmuel Kidron, president and CEO of Tadiran Electronic Systems, said in a statement that "the company's electronic warfare

systems are the most advanced in the field in intercepting and jamming enemy communications."

The company will supply the equipment during the next three to four years. Jacob Stern, the company's vice president for marketing and sales, said similar systems were sold to a Southeast Asian country.

Tadiran Electronics Systems became an independent company at the beginning of the year following the implementation of a reorganization plan in Tadiran. The company has 350 workers and annual sales of \$67m.

Stern said that in the near future the company is expected to announce a larger deal to sell command control communications equipment to a foreign client.

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Israel Railways decries lack of funds

By SYBIL ENRICH

The government appears to be hoping the railway will die a natural death, Israel Railways director-general Amos Uzani claimed yesterday.

Speaking to members of the Knesset Economics Committee, Uzani said rail development is of necessity a long-term project - 10 or 20 years at least - but MKs are interested only in the four years of their term of office.

From a town-planning point of view, the greater Tel Aviv area is 20 years behind other cities, explained a company official. Even Cairo invests more in its subway. In a small, crowded country such as this, railways should be a public service like hospitals and schools.

Committee chairman Avi Yehzekel (Labor) said railway workers should lobby the Knesset for funds.

Abdul Malik Dahamshe (Democratic Arab Party) pointed out that in 50 years of Israel Railways, there has been not one passenger fatality.

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Local stocks dropped yesterday after world stock markets from Japan to New York declined during the weekend. Israeli issues traded on Wall Street were caught up in the selling.

US House passes tax breaks for financial companies

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WISSE TO GO

Warne is the key as Australia edge ahead of Kiwis

BRISBANE (Reuters) — Shane Warne gave Australia a slight advantage over a resolute New Zealand with a four-wicket haul on the third day of the first Test yesterday.

The leg-spinner toiled for 42 overs on a placid Gabba wicket for his reward, helping Australia to gain a slender lead of 24 runs on first innings.

At close of play on the third day, Mark Taylor's side were 25 for one in their second innings, a lead of 49 runs with nine wickets in hand, leaving the outcome in the balance with two days left to play.

After compiling 373 in their first innings, Australia dismissed the visitors for 349 during the last session on Sunday.

Warne shouldered the heaviest workload of the Australian bowlers and was rewarded with the wickets of opener Blair Pocock, debutant Craig McMillan, wicketkeeper Adam Parore and all-rounder Chris Harris at a cost of 106 runs.

With the pitch expected to deteriorate over the final two days, Warne is likely to emerge as a key factor in any bid by Australia to win the game.

Bot New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming played down the threat posed by Warne, whose accuracy wavered, by his own high standards, during several lengthy spells.

"He is not getting a lot of assistance out of the wicket, although there is a little bounce," Fleming said.

"Warne was not as great a threat as he has been in the past. It's a question of being patient because he is bowling enough bad balls to

take the pressure off us."

New Zealand all-rounder Chris Cairns added to his impressive tally of four wickets and 64 runs with the bat earlier in the match by removing opener Taylor for 16 just before the close.

Earlier, Fleming narrowly failed to record his first century since taking over as New Zealand captain in March, falling to fast bowler Michael Kasprovicz for 91.

But the left-handed number four watched his side dispel any doubts about their competitiveness with a resolute batting display.

Few outside the New Zealand camp expected the tourists to mount a serious challenge in the Test series after they lost both their opening first-class tour matches by an innings.

"It may be a bit early after just three days to say we've definitely proved we've got backbone as a side," Fleming said.

"But at least we've shown we've got a couple of vertebrae."

Fleming, who replaced Lee Germon as captain before the home series against Sri Lanka in March, typified their new-found resolve in recording his 16th half-century in 30 Tests.

He occupied the crease for almost five hours, during which time he hit 13 fours and faced 229 balls.

McMillan followed his captain's example by mixing caution and occasional aggression to score an impressive half-century on his Test debut.

Batting number six, McMillan reached his half-century with a towering straight six off the bowling of Warne before falling to the leg-spinner for 54.



CAUGHT IN THE ACT — Aussie captain Mark Taylor takes a catch at first slip to dismiss New Zealand batsman Adam Parore for 12 runs.

(Reuters)

Patrick Roy saves 30 in Avalanche win

DENVER (AP) — Patrick Roy stopped 30 shots and earned his 356th victory, moving past Rogie Vachon into seventh place on the career win list for goaltenders, and the Colorado Avalanche beat the St. Louis Blues 4-1 Saturday.

Alexei Gusarov, Rene Corbet and Eric Lacroix scored third-period goals as the Avalanche pulled away from a 1-1 tie.

The goals came five minutes apart and chased St. Louis goaltender Jamie McLennan, substituting Grant Fuhr, who was held out with a sore left arm.

St. Louis, which has lost three in a row, has been outscored 25-13 in the third period this year.

The Avalanche lost Peter Forsberg 2:06 into the game with a left shoulder contusion.

Capitals 2, Oilers 1

Phil Housley became the second American-born player in NHL history to score 1,000 points, tallying an assist as Washington won at home.

Adam Oates scored the go-ahead goal with 19:30 left and assisted on Washington's first goal to help the Capitals to only their second win in nine games.

Housley reached the milestone with 4:48 elapsed in the first period with the Capitals enjoying a 5-0-3 advantage. Housley, 33, thrust his arms into the air and was immediately mobbed by his teammates near center ice. He has a goal and nine assists this season and is 286-714 over 1,081 games.

Sabres 2, Penguins 2

Curtis Brown and Alexei Zhitnik scored in the final eight minutes of the third period to give visiting Buffalo a tie with Pittsburgh.

Penguins goaltender Tom Barrasso had stopped 29 shots when Brown converted Miroslav Satan's drop pass at 12:09. Zhitnik tied the game at 17:38, firing a shot from the left point that got past a screened Barrasso.

Alex Hicks and Neil Wilkinson

scored for the Penguins, who are winless in four games with two wins and two ties, part of a 2-4-2 streak.

Blackhawks 4, Islanders 2

Tony Amonte scored twice and had two assists and Chris Terrieri stopped 24 shots for his fifth straight win as Chicago outched an away win.

The Blackhawks scored three first-period goals and then hung on to hand the Islanders their first loss in six games (4-1-1).

Keith Carney and Sergei Krivokrasov also scored for the Blackhawks, who won only their second road game of the season.

The other was over the New York Rangers. Zigmund Palffy had both Islanders goals.

Devils 2, Bruins 0

Martin Brodeur recorded his sixth straight win by making 17 saves as New Jersey snapped the Bruins' six-game road winning streak.

Patrick Elias scored a first-period power-play goal to support Brodeur's second shutout of the season and 24th of his career in the defensive game that featured a combined 38 shots. Doug Gilmour, whose shot Elias tipped for his seventh goal, added an empty-net goal with 20.5 seconds to play.

Byron Dufour had 19 saves for Boston but had his personal three-game winning streak snapped.

Coyotes 3, Maple Leafs 0

Nikolai Khabibulin notched his first shutout of the season with 25 saves as visiting Phoenix Coyotes skated past punchless Toronto.

Khabibulin had seven shutouts last year and shared the league lead with Roy. It was the second time in the last three games that the Maple Leafs had been shut out this season. The Maple Leafs started the night with only 29 goals, which tied them for next-to-last in the league with Chicago.

Keith Tkachuk scored two goals for the Coyotes, one on the power play and the other an empty-netter.

Flyers 4, Senators 3

John LeClair, Chris Gratton and Sbjon Podelin scored in the second period as Philadelphia won on the road.

Phil Crowe and Magnus Arvedson scored for Ottawa in the third period, but the Senators still lost for the 10th consecutive time to the Flyers dating back to April 1995. Philadelphia improved to 10-5-3 and the Senators dropped to 9-6-3.

The Flyers extended their unbeaten streak to five games (3-0-2).

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	10	5	3	23	58	45
New Jersey	10	5	0	20	47	28
Washington	9	6	2	20	48	40
NV Islanders	7	6	3	17	49	43
NY Rangers	4	6	7	15	42	45
Florida	4	8	3	11	34	48
Tampa Bay	2	12	2	6	28	58

Northeast Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Montreal	11	4	2	24	56	36
Boston	10	6	1	21	43	37
Ottawa	9	5	3	21	54	41
Pittsburgh	8	7	4	20	52	52
Carolina	5	9	3	13	43	51
Buffalo	5	8	3	13	39	51

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	11	3	3	25	56	37
St. Louis	11	2	2	24	53	40
Dallas	10	5	3	23	57	44
Phoenix	7	7	2	16	47	44
Chicago	7	10	0	14	33	44
Toronto	4	8	3	11	29	45

Pacific Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Colorado	8	3	6	22	55	43
Anaheim	8	5	4	20	44	42
Los Angeles	7	7	4	18	57	50
Edmonton	5	9	3	13	38	55
San Jose	5	11	1	11	40	51
Calgary	3	11	3	9	45	58
Vancouver	3	12	2	8	39	60

Saturday's results:
Colorado 4, St. Louis 1
Buffalo 2, Pittsburgh 2
Chicago 4, NY Islanders 1
Washington 2, Edmonton 1
Philadelphia 4, Ottawa 3
New Jersey 2, Boston 0
Phoenix 3, Toronto 0
Montreal 4, Los Angeles 1
Anaheim 3, Vancouver 2
San Jose 3, Tampa Bay 1

Kafelnikov, Bjorkman earn ATP finals berth in Hanover

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Top seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov claimed his first Kremlin Cup title and secured a place in this week's ATP finals when he beat Petr Korda of the Czech Republic 7-6 6-4 yesterday.

The win, worth \$157,400, put the Russian back into the world's top eight and gave him the opportunity to take part in the Hanover event starting tomorrow.

"I feel like I'm in heaven," said Kafelnikov who hopes to do well in the ATP finals.

"(Pete) Sampras is a heavy favorite and (Michael) Chang looks very strong but aside from these two I can match pretty well against all the others," he said.

Bjorkman wins Stockholm Open

Jonas Bjorkman rallied from a set down and 2-4 in the second set to beat Jan Siemerink in four sets and win the Stockholm Open for the first time.

The Swede took 2 hours and 10 minutes before prevailing 3-6, 7-6(7-2), 6-2, 6-4 in front of a sell-out crowd at the Royal Tennis Hall, where he had little success in the past years.

It was Bjorkman's 67th match victory of the year, best on the ATP Tour, and his second straight appearance in a final. He lost last Sunday to top-ranked Pete Sampras in the Paris Open.

Siemerink, serving well early, clinched the first set with his eighth ace. He earned the only service break with across-court passer to lead 3-1.

Bjorkman's returns keyed the vital break in the eighth game of the second set. He controlled the tiebreak from the outset, racing to a 4-0 lead, and then broke Siemerink to start the third set.

Bjorkman, 25, who will play in the ATP Tour World Championship, will remain No. 4 in the men's rankings.

Davenport stops Williams

Lindsay Davenport ended



FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE — Yevgeny Kafelnikov celebrates after defeating Petr Korda in the finals of the Kremlin Cup yesterday.

Serena Williams' run in Chicago's Ameritech Cup, beaong the 16-year-old sister of Venus Williams 6-4, 6-4 Saturday to reach the finals of the \$450,000 tournament. Serena Williams, ranked No. 304 when she entered the tourna-

ment as a wild card, had won three matches, including back-to-back upset victories over Mary Pierce and Monica Seles. But Davenport was able to handle her strong serve while hitting one of her own and also winning

the big points. Williams also had to take an injury timeout in the fourth game of the second set to have a sprained left ankle retaped. Davenport will face France's Nathalie Touziat in the final.

Thai-dyed Tiger draws throng

HANNO, Japan (AP) — Never mind its last-place finish. Tiger Woods' Thai team drew the largest throng anyway in a four-team Asian juniors match yesterday.

As he did until a couple of years ago, Woods carried his own clubs and raked sand traps at some points as he led two boys and a girl from Thailand, homeland of his mother.

It was the final event of the Tiger Woods Invitational, a three-day show sponsored by NIKE Sports Entertainment and Japan's Fuji TV.

On Saturday, Woods competed in a made-for-TV skins match with O'Meara. Woods and Japan's Shigeki Maruyama.

Nick Price, Mark O'Meara and Japan's Shigeki Maruyama, well in the juniors match, the Thai team shot a 42-over-par 322 total, well behind Japan's 8-over 288, and South Korea's and Taiwan's identical 13-over 293.

Maruyama played for Japan, O'Meara for the Koreans and Price for Taiwan.

Maruyama shot a 5-under-par 65 on the 6,738-yard, par-70 Musashigaoka Golf Course outside Tokyo.

O'Meara had a 66, Price a 68 and Woods a 69.

"Watching these kids, I remember when I was a junior, not too long ago," said Woods. "I used to get a chance to play with pros occasionally, and I learned a lot from them."

"Hopefully they will learn a lot, take that back and get better, and be out here on the tour with us." Woods' teammates were E. Nirapathpongpan, D. Poolprun and C. Chanachai.

Possession the key for Springboks

BOLOGNA (Reuters) — A scoreline which reads Italy 31-South Africa 62 suggests a stroll in the park for the world champions but the Springboks were made to work hard for their win at the Dall'Ara stadium on Saturday.

In the end it came down, as expected, to possession and experience.

"I would say that we had the ball for about 55 of the 80 minutes and they had it for 25," said the Springbok coach Nick Mallett.

"If you have the ball that much you are almost bound to score tries. I was delighted to see the Springboks score nine tries but people must realize that that was not poor defense from the Italians — it was darn good play from us."

The Springboks enjoyed the lion's share of the ball mainly thanks to a superb showing from their front five although lock Krynauw Otto was occasionally off the pace and may lose out to Braam Els for the first test against France next week.

"The front row and locks were very quick to the breakdown and that makes a huge difference," said the Italian captain Massimo Giovannelli.

"The only real difference between the two

sides was in the speed and power of the Springboks and for that we must have a special kind of training."

The two props, Os du Randt and Adrian Garvey, were outstanding in terms of their mobility and pace around the field. Significantly, when James Small chipped towards the Italian line, it was du Randt who was on hand to collect and go over for the first try.

To counter that forward power the Italians resorted to playing the Argentine referee, Pablo de Luca. His leniency to offside around the fringes and hands on the floor led to a disproportionate number of turnovers and there was also some unnecessary niggling off the ball.

"We found that there was a lot of pressure building up because of the interpretations especially on (scrum half) Joost van der Westhuizen," said Springbok captain Gary Teichmann.

"I don't blame the Italians because you are entitled to get away with what you can but thankfully we managed to give him a lot more protection in the second half and that enabled him to spark off the back line."

"If nothing else, we have at least learned that

you must always play the way the referee blows a game."

The Italians, despite struggling to win the ball, scored three good tries even if the first was due directly to a glaring Springbok error when hooker James Dalton threw over the top of the line-out into the arms of number eight Julian Gardner.

The back row worked tirelessly and fly-half Diego Dominguez was the catalyst for some exciting running. The straight-running Christian Stoica and the more broken-field antics of Ivan Francescato in the center were a constant thorn in the Springbok side.

"Italy are getting better and better and no one can write them off now," said Mallett. "I hope the Italian press and public give them some credit for their sterling performance today."

The Italians are still getting used to the idea that they will be a part of the Five Nations Championship, when the matter is put to a vote in January.

"I hope they come up with a more imaginative name than the Six-Nations Championship," said long-time rugby supporter Giuseppe Di Rubino.

Favorite Trick triumphs in Breeders' Cup

INGLEWOOD (AP) — Favorite Trick completed an unbeaten season Saturday in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Hollywood Park with a mighty stretch run that left his rivals futilely chasing him home and gave trainer Pat Byrne his second win of the day.

In the first race of the afternoon, Countess Diana easily won the Juvenile Fillies. Byrne, appearing at his first Breeders' Cup, saw his only other starter Richter Scale finish 13th in the Sprint.

If there were any questions about whether Favorite Trick is the best 2-year old in North America, the colt answered them with a five-length lead over Dawson's Legacy who was a neck ahead of Nationalore in the field of eight Juvenile colts.

Hawks push undefeated string to six

CLEVELAND (AP) — Steve Smith scored 21 points, including all nine of Atlanta's points in overtime, as the Hawks beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 99-97 Saturday night to stay undefeated and continue their best start in 29 years.

The Hawks, who beat the NBA champion Chicago Bulls on Friday, became the league's first 6-0 team and began a season with six straight victories for the first time since moving to Atlanta in 1968.

Dikembe Mutombo had 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Hawks.

Shawn Kemp led the Cavaliers with 28 points.

Magic 96, Raptors 87
Rony Seikaly scored 26 points and Bo Outlaw had 16 points and 10 rebounds as Orlando won at home.

Penny Hardaway added 17 points and Outlaw, replacing injured starter Nick Anderson at forward, matched a career high with seven assists to help the Magic even their early-season record at 3-3.

Marcus Camby scored 17 points for Toronto, which lost for the fourth time in five games.

Heat 114, Wizards 106

Tim Hardaway scored 19 of his 25 points in the second half and sparked a decisive run for host Miami in the fourth quarter.

Jamal Masburn added 22 points for the Heat. Terry Mills scored 20 points on 9-of-11 shooting and P.J. Brown had 19 points and 14 rebounds.

Chris Webber scored 34 points for Washington, while Juwan Howard added 26. Rod Strickland had 19 assists for the Wizards, one shy of his career high.

Hornets 89, Pacers 82

Vlade Divac scored seven of his 18 points in the final 2:56 as host Charlotte won its fourth straight.

Divac also had 13 rebounds, four steals and a pair of blocks for the Hornets. Glen Rice led Charlotte in scoring with 30 points.

Reggie Miller scored 20 points for Indiana.

Bulls 99, Nets 86

Dennis Rodman, in the starting lineup for the first time this season, played with enthusiasm and reserves Steve Kerr and Toni Kukoc, excelled as host Chicago handed New Jersey its first loss of the season.

Rodman, who said he was bored with basketball and talked about retirement after Friday's loss at Atlanta, had 12 rebounds and seven points. Following a third-quarter tip-in, he raised both arms and the crowd cheered.

Kerr scored 21 points to lead the team in scoring for only the seventh time in his five Chicago seasons.

Kukoc had 17 points, seven rebounds and seven assists in his best game this year. Michael Jordan scored a season-low 15 points but the Bulls still improved to 4-0 at home.



THE BIG SQUEEZE — Charlotte Hornets forward Anthony Mason (c) is fouled by Pacers Dale Davis as Pacers' Chris Mullins applies pressure. Charlotte won 89-82 to bring its record to 4-2.

Trail Blazers 101, Mavericks 94
Isiah Rider scored 14 of his 24 points during a third-quarter surge that helped visiting Portland win its fourth straight game.

Kenny Anderson had 28 points to pace the Blazers, whose 4-1 start is their best since winning six straight to start the 1992-93 season. Arvydas Sabonis scored 20 points for Portland.

Shawn Bradley's 26 points led the Mavericks (3-2). Michael Finley added 21 and Hubert Davis had 20 for Dallas.

Spurs 87, Jazz 80

Malik Rose and Jaren Jackson scored San Antonio's final seven points as the Spurs won at home.

Jackson scored three baskets to spark an 8-2 run that gave the Spurs the lead for good at 60-57 with 9:52 left. He also sank four straight free throws in the last 22

seconds of the game.
Rose stole an inbounds pass at Utah's end of the floor and raced in for a dunk with 6.8 seconds left for an 86-80 lead.

Rose also made a free throw with only 3.6 seconds remaining.

Utah was led by Karl Malone's 26 points.

Bucks 105, Celtics 96

Glenn Robinson scored 31 points, including 14 during the decisive third quarter, as Milwaukee grabbed a home victory.

It was Boston's fifth straight loss since opening the season with a victory over the Chicago Bulls.

Ray Allen scored 20 points and Terrell Brandon added 18 for the Bucks. Antoine Walker had 21 points and 12 rebounds for

seconds of the game.

Suns 123, Clippers 105
Jason Kidd scored 29 points as Phoenix won on the coast.

Danny Manning had 21 points and Rex Chapman 20 as the Suns improved to 3-1.

Rodney Rogers led the Clippers with 23 points. Brent Barry added 18 points for Los Angeles, which dropped to 1-4.

Timberwolves 97, Warriors 90
Tom Gugliotta had 29 points and 12 rebounds as Minnesota defeated

Saturday's results:
Orlando 98, Toronto 87
Miami 114, Washington 106
Atlanta 99, Cleveland 87 (OT)
Charlotte 89, Indiana 82
Portland 99, Dallas 94
Chicago 99, New Jersey 86
San Antonio 87, Utah 80
Milwaukee 105, Boston 96
Phoenix 123, L.A. Clippers 105
Minnesota 97, Golden State 90

ed winless Golden State in the Warriors' debut at newly renovated Oakland Arena.

Latrell Sprewell had 24 points and Donyell Marshall added 18 points and 18 rebounds for Golden State in the first home game for new Warriors coach P.J.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New Jersey	4	1	.800	-
Miami	4	2	.667	½
New York	3	2	.600	1
Chicago	3	3	.500	1½
Washington	2	4	.333	2½
Boston	1	5	.167	3½
Philadelphia	0	4	.000	3½

Central Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	0	0	1.000	-
Milwaukee	4	1	.800	½
Charlotte	4	2	.667	2
Chicago	4	2	.667	2
Cleveland	2	3	.400	3½
Detroit	2	3	.400	3½
Indiana	2	4	.333	4
Toronto	1	4	.200	4½

Carlesimo. The Warriors became the NBA's only 0-5 team with the loss.

The Warriors played their home games last season in San Jose while the Oakland Arena was undergoing a \$102 million renovation.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	4	1	.800	-
San Antonio	4	1	.800	-
Dallas	3	2	.600	1
Houston	3	2	.600	1
Utah	2	4	.333	2½
Vancouver	1	4	.200	3
Denver	0	4	.000	3½

Pacific Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	3	0	1.000	-
Portland	4	1	.800	-
Seattle	4	1	.800	-
Phoenix	3	1	.750	½
L.A. Clippers	1	4	.200	3
Sacramento	0	4	.000	3½
Golden State	0	5	.000	4

Herzliya stuns Mac TA

By ELI GRONER

Picked by many to miss the playoffs, Bnei Herzliya moved into first place after picking up its first-ever victory over Maccabi Tel Aviv. Maccabi's second consecutive league loss dropped the defending champions into second place.

Hapoel Eilat fell into third place after losing to Ra'anana, while a last-second basket helped Ramat Gan leapfrog over Hapoel Holon and out from the depths of regulation.

Herzliya 89 Mac, Tel Aviv 88
Last year, Bnei Herzliya needed to win its last game of the season to avoid relegation. Now, nine weeks into the current National Basketball League season, Herzliya finds itself in first place after shocking Maccabi Tel Aviv at home last night.

Lior Arditi was Mr. Clutch, scoring 10 points over the last five minutes (19 overall) and winning the mano-a-mano stretch battle against former Ramat Gan teammate Oded Katash.

"We simply executed what coach (Erez) Edelstein told us to do," said Arditi. As far as the rookie coach was concerned, "It was like a dream. I've never seen a team as disciplined as this one."

Sharing the spotlight with Arditi were the two foreigners, Terrence Rancher and Darnell Robinson. Rancher had 19 points, four assists and several key transition baskets to stifle Maccabi spurts.

Robinson, meanwhile, outplayed the triumvirate of Maccabi big men — Rashard Griffith, Randy White and Constantin Popa — with 24 points and 11 rebounds versus 20 and 14.

For Tel Aviv coach Vinko Jelovach, it goes from bad to worse. Maccabi has now sandwiched two consecutive league losses around Thursday's embarrassing loss to Limoges in EuroLeague play. Jelovach has transformed Maccabi into Katash and four other guys. This system has allowed Katash to put up huge numbers — including last night's career-high 35 points — but it leaves the defending champions with serious flaws at crunch time.

Last night's results: Mac, Ramat Gan 77, Galil Elyon 74; Kiryat Motzkin 79, Mac, Rishon 72; Mac, Ra'anana 76, Hap. Eilat 74; Hap. Jerusalem 72, Hap. Holon 58; Givat Shmuel 74, Mac, Netanya 68

National Basketball League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Bnei Herzliya	7	2	.778
Maccabi Tel Aviv	7	2	.778
Hapoel Eilat	6	3	.667
Rishon LeZion	5	4	.556
Galil Elyon	5	4	.556
Maccabi Ra'anana	5	4	.556
Hapoel Jerusalem	5	4	.556
Kiryat Motzkin	4	5	.444
Hapoel Holon	3	6	.333
Maccabi Ramat Gan	3	6	.333
Givat Shmuel	3	6	.333
Maccabi Netanya	1	8	.111



BAYOU BASHING — LSU's Chuck Wiley celebrates after recovering a fumble from Alabama's Lance Tucker in first-half action. LSU shut down the Tide 27-0.

Miracle in Missouri wins for No. 1 Cornhuskers

NEW YORK (AP) — No. 1 Nebraska needed a miracle to keep its perfect record, but it may not be enough to hold onto its ranking.

The Cornhuskers (9-0) avoided the upset at Missouri thanks to a bouncing ball that ended up in the hands of Matt Davison for a 12-yard touchdown reception on the final play of regulation, forcing overtime.

But now it's up to the voters since No. 3 Florida State dominated No. 5 North Carolina 20-3 and No. 4 Michigan mauled No. 2 Penn State 34-8.

"We had some bad breaks and some good breaks," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said after a 45-38 victory. "Our good breaks came at the end. I thought we were pretty well done for."

Nebraska trailed 38-31 with seven seconds to go, when Scott Frost's pass to the end zone was knocked out of Shevin Wiggins' grasp. Missouri's Harold Piersey appeared ready to intercept the ball, but Wiggins kicked it into the air on his way down and Davison made a diving grab just before it hit the turf.

"It was just floating in the air like a punt — end over end," Davison said. "It just seemed like forever for the ball to get there."

Frost made it pay off three plays into overtime, running 12 yards on the option for the winner.

No. 4 Michigan 34
No. 2 Penn State 8

Charles Woodson and Michigan's top-ranked defense made a stake for No. 1, handing Joe Paterno his worst home loss in 32 years as Nittany Lions' coach.

The victory moved the Wolverines closer to their first Rose Bowl since 1993. Penn State fell to 7-1, 4-1.

No. 3 Florida St. 20
No. 5 North Carolina 3
The visiting Seminoles had nine

sacks and Thad Busby threw two touchdowns as Florida State clinched at least a tie for the ACC crown.

The key win also moved Florida State (9-0) one step closer to a possible rematch of the 1993 national championship game with Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. The Seminoles beat the Cornhuskers 18-16.

Oregon 31
No. 6 Washington 28
Akili Smith threw a 29-yard TD pass to Pat Johnson with 2:33 to go and visiting Oregon (5-4), which blew a 21-point first-half lead, ended Washington's (7-2, 5-1) 12-game Pac-10 winning streak.

No. 7 Ohio St. 31
Minnesota 3
Joe Germaine threw for 211 yards and three touchdown passes as visiting Ohio State (9-1, 5-1) stayed in the race for the Big Ten title.

No. 8 Tennessee 44
No. 24 S. Mississippi 20
Peyton Manning threw for 399 yards and four touchdowns and ran for another TD. Tennessee (7-1) rallied from an early deficit with touchdowns on five straight possessions spanning the halftime break to take control over the visiting Golden Eagles (6-3).

No. 11 Kansas St. 48
Kansas 16
At Manhattan, Kansas, Michael Bishop threw three touchdown passes and Gerald Neasman scored on a kickoff and an interception return as the Wildcats (8-1) beat their state rivals for the fifth straight year.

Wisconsin 13, No. 12 Iowa 10
The host Badgers snapped an 18-game winless streak against the Hawkeyes (6-3) despite losing star tailback Ron Dayne to a sprained ankle on the game's first drive.

No. 13 Florida 20
Vanderbilt 7
Noah Brindise threw two touchdown passes in his first career start as the host Gators (7-2) gave Steve Spurrier his 100th victory as Florida coach.

No. 14 LSU 27
Alabama 0
Kevin Faulk rushed for 168 yards and two touchdowns and defensive tackle Chuck Wiley recovered a fumble for a touchdown to help the visiting Tigers (7-2) to their second-highest win over Alabama (4-5) in 102 years.

No. 15 Arizona St. 28
California 21
J.R. Redmond caught a 28-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Kealy and ran 5 yards for another score as the visiting Sun Devils (7-2) won their fourth straight game.

No. 16 Washington St. 77
SW Louisiana 7
Ryan Leaf passed for 305 yards and four touchdowns in the first half. Host Washington State (8-1) led 56-0 at halftime while outgaining the Ragin' Cajuns 403 yards to 30.

No. 20 Virginia Tech 27
Miami 25
At Blacksburg, Virginia, Ken Oxendine ran for 147 yards and Pierson Prioleau intercepted a 2-point conversion pass with 1:48 remaining.

No. 21 Texas A&M 38
Baylor 10
Brandton Stewart passed for three touchdowns and a season-high 231 yards for the host Aggies (7-2).

No. 22 Syracuse 20
Boston College 13
Donovan McNabb hit Kevin Johnson with a 66-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter, leading the host Orangemen (7-3) to their sixth straight win.

How the Top 25 fared

1. Nebraska (9-0) beat Missouri 45-38. OT. Next vs. Iowa State, Saturday.
2. Penn State (7-1) lost to No. 4 Michigan 34-8. Next: at No. 23 Purdue, Saturday.
3. Florida State (9-0) beat No. 5 North Carolina, 20-3. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Saturday.
4. Michigan (9-0) beat No. 2 Penn State 34-8. Next: at Wisconsin, Saturday.
5. North Carolina (8-1) lost to No. 3 Florida State 20-3. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.
6. Washington (7-2) lost to Oregon 31-28. Next: at UCLA, Saturday.
7. Ohio State (9-1) beat Minnesota 31-3. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
8. Tennessee (7-1) beat No. 24 Southern Mississippi 44-20. Next: at Arkansas, Saturday.
9. Georgia (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Auburn, Saturday.
10. UCLA (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Washington, Saturday.
11. Kansas State (8-1) beat Kansas 48-16. Next: vs. Colorado, Saturday.
12. Iowa (6-3) lost to Wisconsin 13-10. Next: at Northwestern, Saturday.
13. Florida (7-2) beat Vanderbilt 20-7. Next: at South Carolina, Saturday.
14. LSU (7-2) beat Alabama 27-0. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday.
15. Arizona State (7-2) beat California 28-21. Next: vs. Oregon, Saturday.
16. Washington State (8-1) beat SW Louisiana 77-7. Next: vs. Stanford, Saturday.
17. Auburn (7-2) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Georgia, Saturday.
18. Toledo (8-1) lost to Ball State 35-3. Next: vs. Akron, Saturday.
19. Mississippi State (6-2) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Saturday.
20. Virginia Tech (7-2) beat Miami 27-25. Next: at Pittsburgh, Nov. 22.
21. Texas A&M (7-2) beat Baylor 38-10. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.
22. Syracuse (7-3) beat Boston College 20-13. Next: at Pittsburgh, Saturday.
23. Purdue (7-2) beat Michigan State 22-21. Next: vs. No. 2 Penn State, Saturday.
24. Southern Mississippi (6-3) lost to No. 8 Tennessee 44-20. Next: vs. Houston, Saturday.
25. Oklahoma State (7-2) beat Oklahoma 30-7. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.

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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT
Pianist Uriel Zahor plays a recital today (5) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem within the Etanah series...



Roberto Aronica and Nuccia Focile star in the NIO production of 'La Boheme.'

OPERA

HELEN KAYE
The NIO production of Puccini's La Boheme continues. Daniel Oren has gone back to Rome, but an opera maven says that conductor Carlo Palleschi will give a good account of himself...

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN
L.A. CONFIDENTIAL - This glamorous-looking thriller takes place in early 1950s Southern California and follows several police officers as they become embroiled in the investigation of a violent plot that links corrupt city officials, organized crime figures and a whole twisted web of millionaires, prostitutes and snaky celebrity journalists...

millionaires, prostitutes and snaky celebrity journalists. Based on the bestseller by James Ellroy and directed by Curtis (The River Wild) Hanson, the picture aspires to and in some ways achieves a certain moody artfulness and depth that one wouldn't necessarily expect of this particular director at this particular time...

TV

CHANNEL 1
8:30 News flash
8:31 News in Arabic
8:45 Good Morning Israel
EDUCATIONAL TV
8:00 Atneuland and Herzl's Vision
8:30 Diasa Moi Tour
9:00 Reading
9:25 Social Sciences
9:55 English
10:00 For the very young
11:00 History
11:45 World Literature: Dostoyevsky - part 2
12:15 Science
13:30 Caroons
15:00 Musical Fantasies
15:05 Without Secrets
CHANNEL 1
18:30 Pink Panther
19:00 Super Ben
19:30 The Mask
19:59 A New Evening
17:34 Best of Zap to 1
18:05 Super Ben
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Sport
18:30 News
HERREW PROGRAMS
18:30 News flash
19:31 Ve-Rock - drama about the lives of Israel high-school students. Part 3
20:00 News
20:45 A Moment in Life
20:50 Political
22:15 Silent Witness - a young adventurer at college. With Anthony Clark and Hedy Burress
23:30 News
00:00 Daily Verse

CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's Programs
6:30 Rainbow Children
7:00 The Muppet Show
9:00 Rivka, Michal
9:55 Senora
10:50 Dynasty
11:45 Medics
12:45 Israel music
13:00 Riding High
13:30 Open Cards
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 Ich and Michi
15:28 Major Dad
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
18:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Fasti Reshet
17:11 Running the Halls
18:00 Roseanne
18:35 Walker, Texas Ranger
19:25 Bat Yam - New York (new season)
20:00 News
20:30 Entertainment First - Duda Topaz
22:00 On the Table with Menapke
23:30 Documentary Box: Children of Life - autistic children
00:00 News
00:05 Dinner at Eight (1933) - Social comedy with Marie Dressler, Jean Harlow and Lionel Barrymore. Directed by George Cukor.
2:02 Night Music
3:37 On the Edge of the Sheet

JORDAN TV

14:00 Holy Koran
14:10 The Show with the Moosa
14:30 Cowboys of Moo Mesa
15:00 Gillette Sports
15:30 Riding High
16:00 Animal Show
16:30 Ocean Girl
17:00 Beverly Hills 90210
17:30 Des Chiffres et Des Lettres
18:00 Thelessa
19:00 La Journal
19:15 Qing sur Qing
19:30 News headlines
19:35 Neighbors
20:00 Murphy Brown
20:30 Babylon 5
21:10 Highlander
22:00 News in English
22:30 The Streets of San Francisco
00:50 Northern Secrets

MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 TV Shop
14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Flying Horse
17:25 Wishtid
17:45 Sonic the Hedgehog
18:10 Beakman's World
18:35 Saved by the Bell
19:30 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight
20:00 NHL Hockey - Buffalo Sabres vs. Colorado Avalanche
22:30 Powerweb
23:00 CNN News
23:30 The 700 Club

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Parallel Lives (1994) - a reunion at a small, prestigious college takes a sinister turn. A star-studded cast includes Lisa Maynard and James Belushi
13:10 George Clooney - special
13:35 Criminal Minded (1995) - an emotionally unbalanced teacher falls in love with a colleague
14:30 The Last Tango in Paris (1972) - a teenage girl, fighting to free herself of drug addiction, is accused of murdering her husband
17:10 Terror in the Shadows (1995) - a businessman discovers that the killer of his first wife and his son has escaped
18:35 Movie News
19:50 A Murderous Affair (1992) - a two-time husband returns home to find his wife has been murdered
20:25 Formula for Death (1995) - a virus which has been extinct for 20 years reappears in US
21:00 False Accusation (1995) - a woman is convicted of poisoning her son
22:35 Bad Pack (1995) - a mercenary is recruited by an extreme militia organization
10:10 Love Kills (1992) - a woman's love of passion with a stranger and is caught in a web of murder and deceit
2:35 Reflections on a Crime (1984, 89 mins.) - a femme fatale ensnares a prison guard

CHILDREN (6)

8:30 Caroons
9:00 Little University
9:35 Adventures in Videoland
9:45 Honey Bee Hutch
10:35 Robinson Sucro
11:25 Ninja Turtles
11:35 Superman
12:00 Hilda
12:30 Family Matter
13:00 Magic Schoolbus
13:25 Little Bear
13:40 Make Believe City
14:05 Sonic
14:35 David the Gnome
15:05 Ninja Turtles
15:30 Waynehead
16:00 Hilda
17:00 Animaniacs
17:20 Hugo
18:00 Sweet Valley High
18:30 What For?
19:05 Honey Bee Hutch
19:30 Helen and the Boys
20:00 Three's Company

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

7:00 Good Evening
7:30 Love Story
8:00 Sunset Beach
9:00 One Life to Live
9:30 The Young and the Restless
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Duca Area
12:00 Barbary Jones
12:30 Heat to Heart
13:30 Resker
14:00 Sunset Beach
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:40 Ricki Lake
16:30 Duca Area
17:15 One Life to Live
18:00 Good Evening

PRIME TIME TV

Table with 6 columns (1-6) and 6 rows (19:30-23:00) listing TV programs and channels.

20:25 Married with Children
20:50 Rosanna
21:15 Cosby Show
21:45 Different World
SECOND SHOWING (5)
22:10 Rich Man, Poor Girl (1998) - a rich manager decides he will marry his socially inferior secretary. With Lana Turner and Robert Young
22:25 The Road Home (Poland, 1987, 95 mins.) - a Polish boy returns home from war to find that his father has disappeared

STAR PLUS

6:30 Star News
7:00 Oprah Winfrey
8:00 VideoLash
8:30 Yes, Minister
8:40 News to Five
9:30 Dynasty
10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
11:00 Santa Barbara
12:00 WMF
13:00 Wonder Years
13:30 Small Wonder
14:00 Hindi shows
17:30 Star News
18:30 French Towers
18:30 The Jewel in the Crown
19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
20:00 Santa Barbara
21:00 Star News
21:30 The X-Files
22:30 Star Trek
23:30 Vegas
00:30 Oprah Winfrey
1:30 21 Jump Street
2:30 Hindi Shows

CHANNEL 6

8:00 Open University
8:30 Air Combat
Fighter Jets
8:50 Web of Life (pt)
9:50 Catf Florean
10:25 Greek Oedipus Rex
12:00 Michel Legrand
12:50 A Taste of Africa: Mal
13:15 Travelogue
13:40 Cultural Cities of China, part 6 (8)
14:35 Small Women, Big Women
15:25 Next to Nothing
16:15 Human Nature
17:00 Open University - Air Combat: Government by Consent: Sociological Imagination
18:25 A Taste of Africa: Zimbabwe
19:35 Travelogue: Ethiopia
20:05 Cultural Cities of China
21:00 Shadows Over Tibet
22:00 The Nuclear Path
22:25 Human Nature
23:40 Open University - Personal Finance; Interactions in Science

NBC EUROPE

6:00 Five Star Adventure
6:30 The Ticket
7:00 VIP
7:30 The McLaughlin Group
8:00 Meet the Press
9:00 The Today Show
10:00 European Squawk Box
10:30 Burning Car
11:00 Motor Cycle
23:00 NBA Action
23:30 Exciting World of Speed and Beauty

EUROSPORT

9:30 Sailing
10:00 European Squawk Box
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MOVIES

Go By 7, 9:15 PANORAMA G.I.
JERUSALEM CINEMATHEQUE Hercules 5 - The Bronxwax Street + Bad Luck 7 - Yitzhak Rabin Commemorative Film
9:30 G.G. Jerusalem Mail (Malha) = 6788448 G.I. Jane - Father's Day - As Tears Go By 5, 7:15, 9:45 - The Peacemaker Theory 7:15, 10 - Father's Day 7:30, 10 - My Best Friends 7:30, 10 - Face/Off 7:30, 10 - HADARA
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WEATHER
Map of Israel and surrounding regions with weather forecasts for various cities like Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem.

AROUND THE WORLD
Table with columns for city, low, high, and weather conditions.

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